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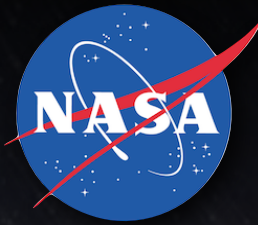
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As they decelerate through the atmosphere, meteors transfer mass, momentum and energy into the surrounding air at tremendous rates. The entry of such bolides produces strong blast waves that can propagate hundreds of kilometers and cause substantial terrestrial damage even when no ground impact occurs. We develop a new technique for meteoroid airburst modeling based upon conservation analysis for the deposition of mass, momentum and energy. These sources are then used to drive simulations of blast propagation using a fully-conservative, finite-volume solver on a multilevel Cartesian mesh. We examine the ability of this method to accurately propagate the blast over hundreds of kilometers of terrain. Initial verification of the method is presented through the canonical problem of a spherical charge. A detailed reconstruction of the 2013 Chelyabinsk meteor provides additional validation. These simulations show very good prediction of the surface overpressure and blast arrival times throughout the ground footprint. Further investigations examine the impact of simplifications to the modeling on both accuracy and computational efficiency using a line-source blast model and a static spherical charge. Both approaches are shown to be useful simplifications and limitations on their use are discussed.

Keywords: asteroid, atmospheric entry, blast propagation, meteor, Cartesian, Cart3D

I. Introduction

IN mid-February 2013 an asteroid measuring approximately 20 meters in diameter entered the sky over Chelyabinsk Russia. The bolide had a mass of about 12,500 metric tons and vaporized nearly completely above 25 km. Despite its relatively small size, the asteroid carried with it tremendous kinetic energy and released the equivalent of approximately 520 kilotons of TNT (about 30 times more powerful than the Hiroshima atomic bomb) into the atmosphere as it entered and burned up.¹ Over a minute later, trauma from this sudden deposition of energy reached the ground, breaking glass and damaging structures in a region covering more than 20,000 square kilometers.

Government infrasound monitoring records an average of around 27 encounters with objects larger than a meter in diameter annually.² Each decade, approximately seven encounters occur that release over 10 kilotons into the atmosphere.³ Since the population of potentially hazardous objects follows a rough power law, the best current estimates predict encounters with Chelyabinsk-sized objects approximately every 80 years.⁴

In response to this threat, NASA's Near-Earth Object program initiated a new research activity in October of 2014, focused on quantifying the risk associated with potentially hazardous meteors and asteroids.⁵ This program is structured around four thrusts: (1) characterization and composition, (2) entry/break-up physics, (3) atmospheric propagation and impact effects, and (4) physics-based risk assessment. This paper targets the third of these tasks, namely simulation and modeling for propagation of the airburst through the atmosphere and estimation of its effects at ground level. Clearly this element is closely connected to both

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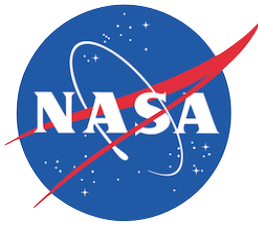
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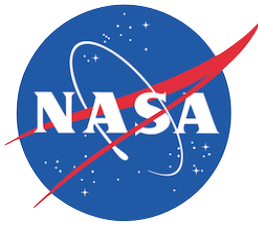
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Asteroid Threat Assessment Project



Chelyabinsk, Russia, February 2013



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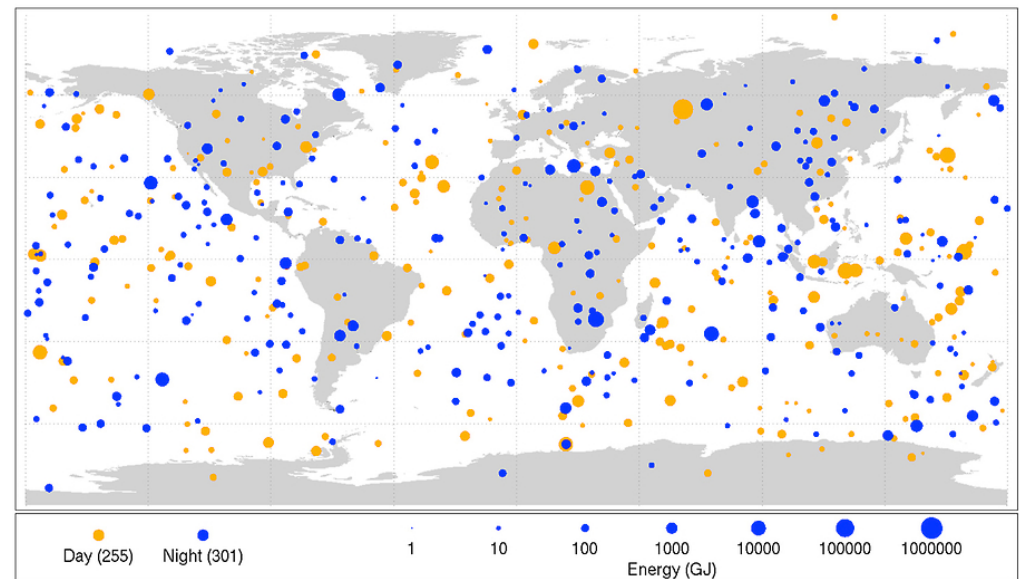
- Entry speed: ~20km/sec
- Energy: ~520 kilotons of TNT (2.2×10^{15} joules)
- Energy equivalent to magnitude 7.0 earthquake
- Damage to ~7300 structures over 20,000 km²

Asteroid Threat Assessment Project

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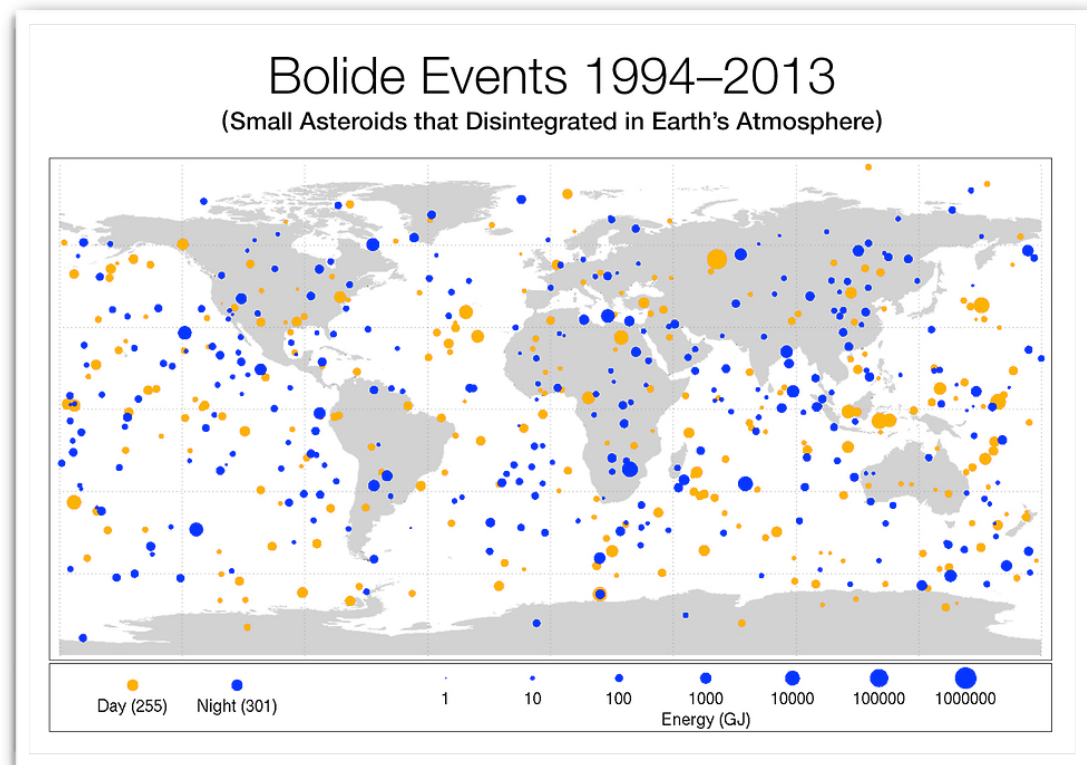
Bolide Events 1994–2013
(Small Asteroids that Disintegrated in Earth's Atmosphere)



<http://neo.jpl.nasa.gov/news/news186.html>

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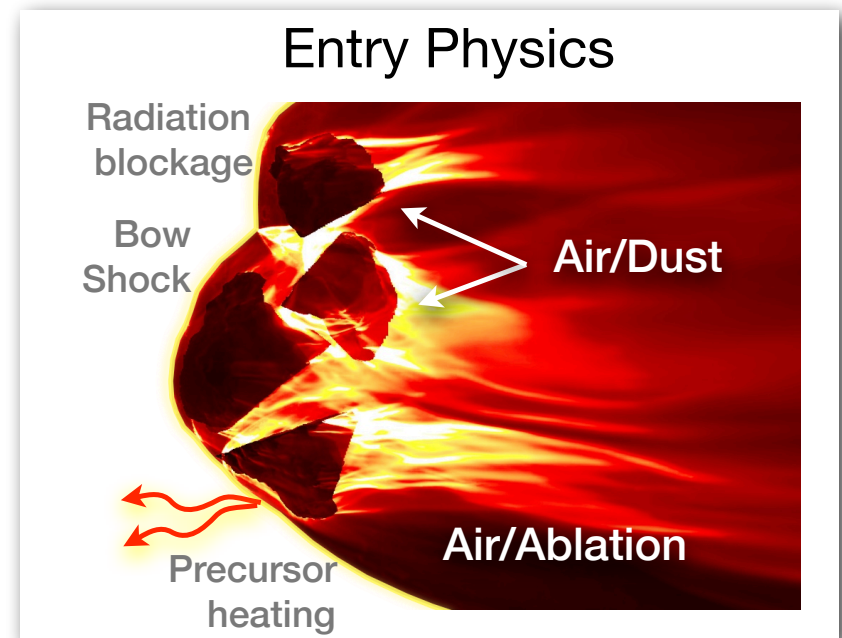
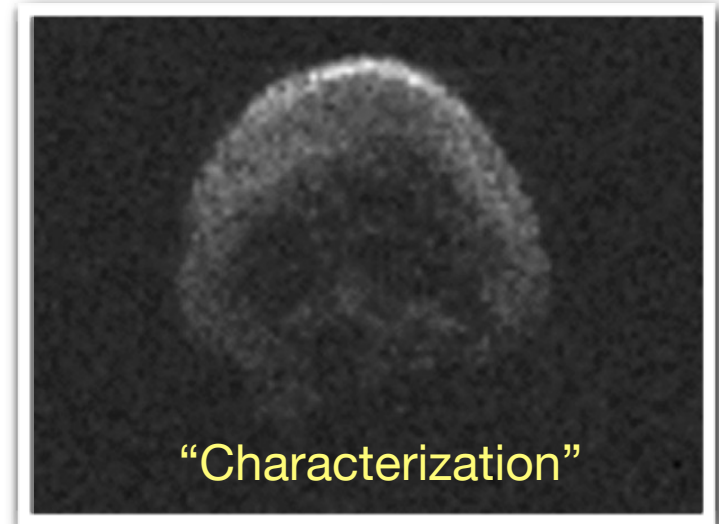


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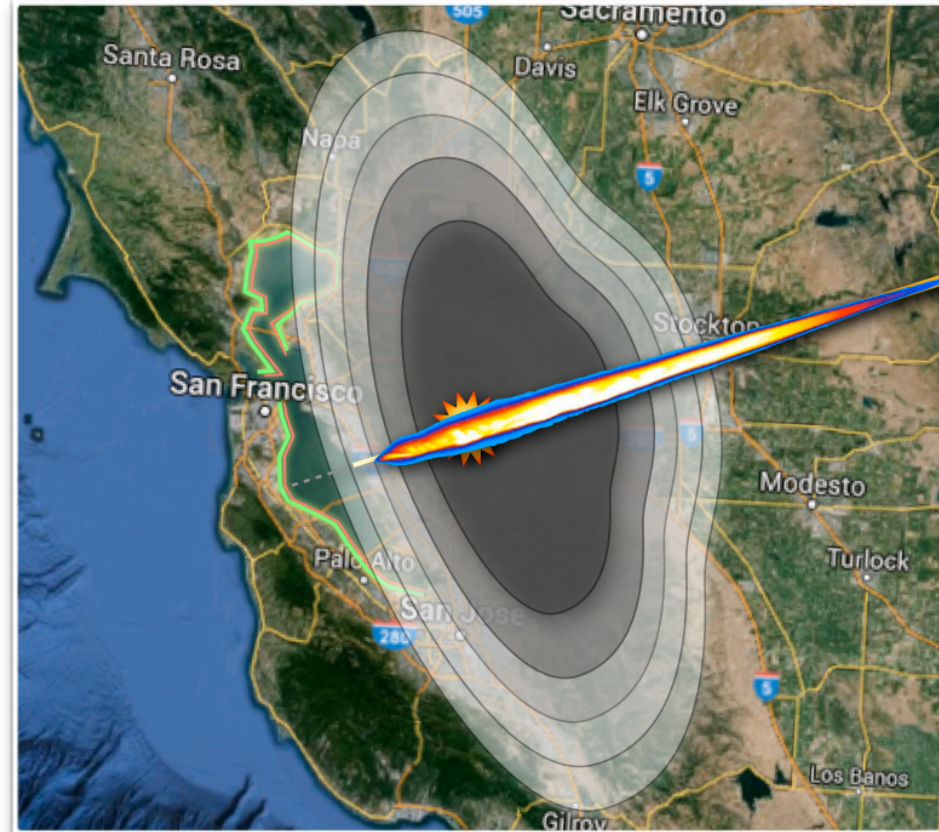


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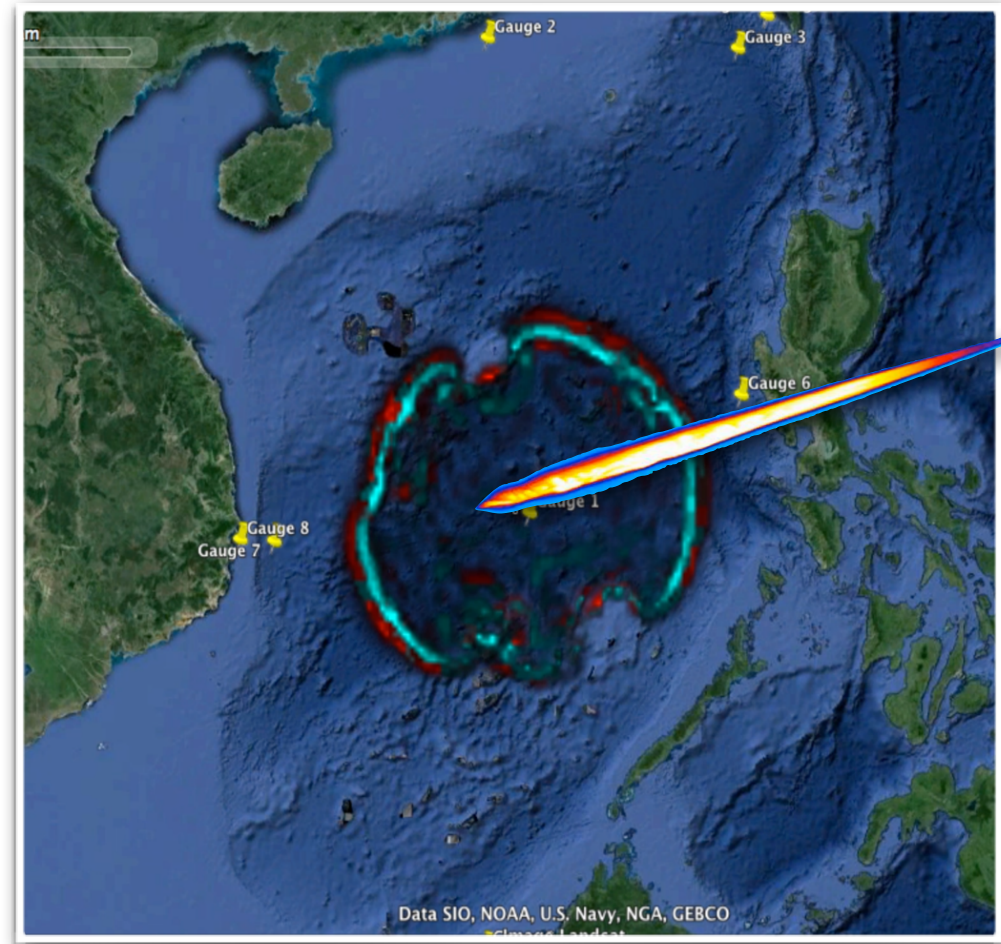


- Far-field propagation drives surface overpressure, wind & tsunami
- These are the key inputs for ground damage & casualty prediction
- Goal is to be able to vary entry inputs parametrically to understand main sensitivity drivers of the ground footprint for Physics-based Risk Analysis (PRA)

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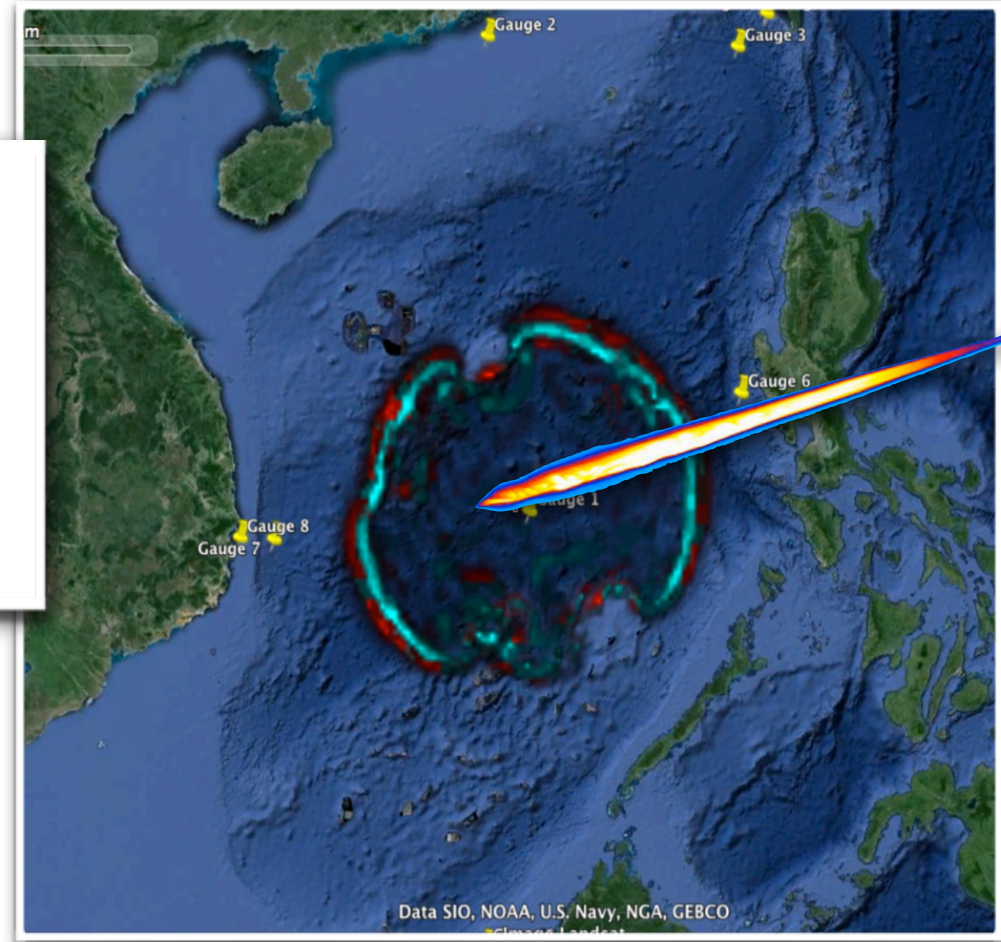
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 - Numerical Method
 - Spherical charge V&V
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Governing Equations

Inviscid perfect gas including body force due to gravity

- 3D Euler eqs. in strong conservation law form

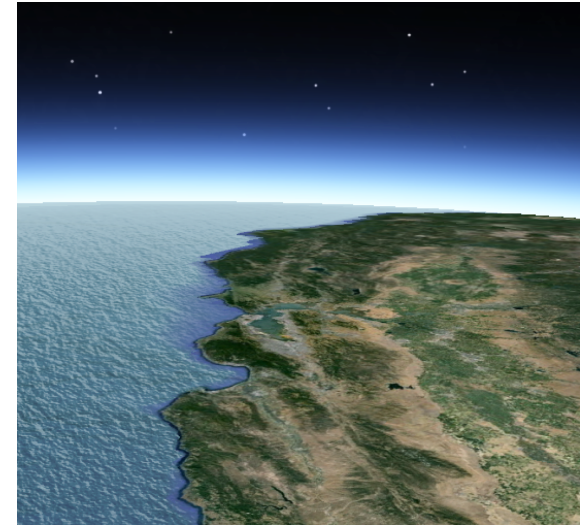
$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} U dV + \oint_{\partial\Omega} (\mathbf{F} \cdot \hat{n}) dS = \int_{\Omega} S dV$$

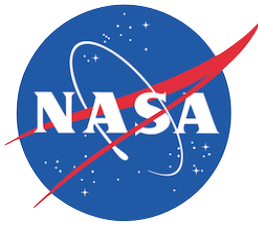
- The state vector of conserved variables is

$$U = (\rho, \rho u, \rho v, \rho w, \rho E)^T$$

- Flux density tensor and gravitational body force term are

$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho u & \rho v & \rho w \\ \rho u^2 + p & \rho uv & \rho uw \\ \rho uv & \rho v^2 + p & \rho vw \\ \rho uw & \rho vw & \rho w^2 + p \\ u(\rho E + p) & v(\rho E + p) & w(\rho E + p) \end{pmatrix} \quad S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -\rho g \\ -\rho w g \end{pmatrix}$$





Atmosphere Model

Hydrostatic Equilibrium

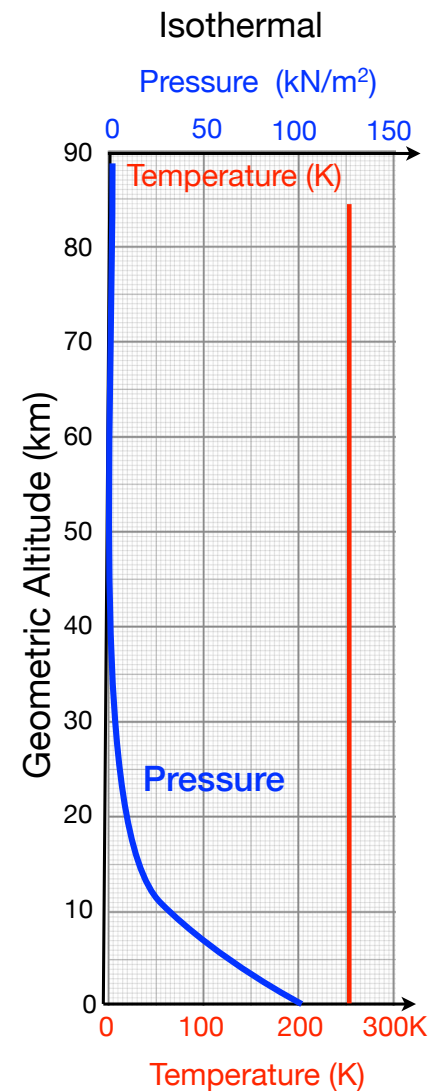
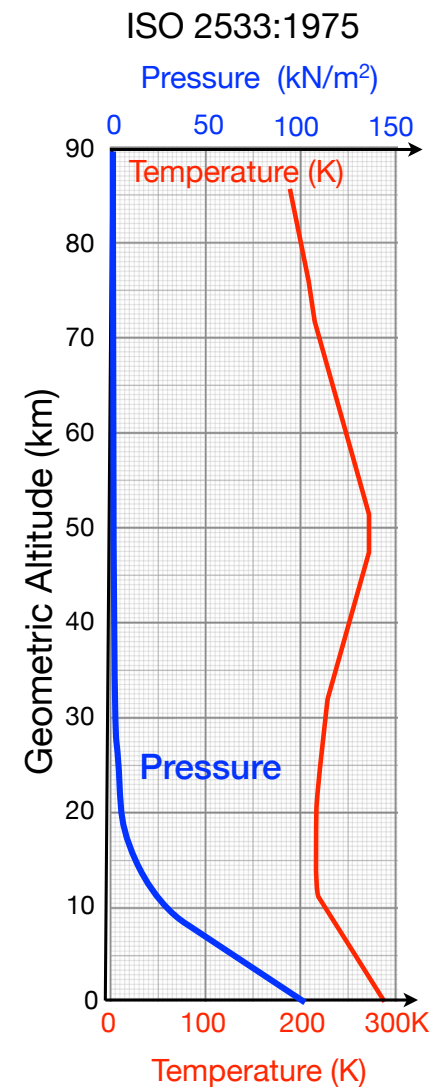
- For a stagnant fluid, gov. eqs. become a statement of hydrostatic equilibrium

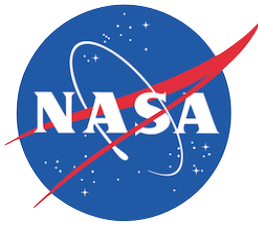
$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} = -\rho g_z$$

- Integrate for perfect gas under isothermal conditions gives a *scale height* model of atm.

$$\frac{p(z)}{p_o} = e^{-z/H}$$

- For real Earth earth atm. typically $H \approx 7 \rightarrow 8$ km
- Chose H to match pressure at both the airburst altitude and ground level.

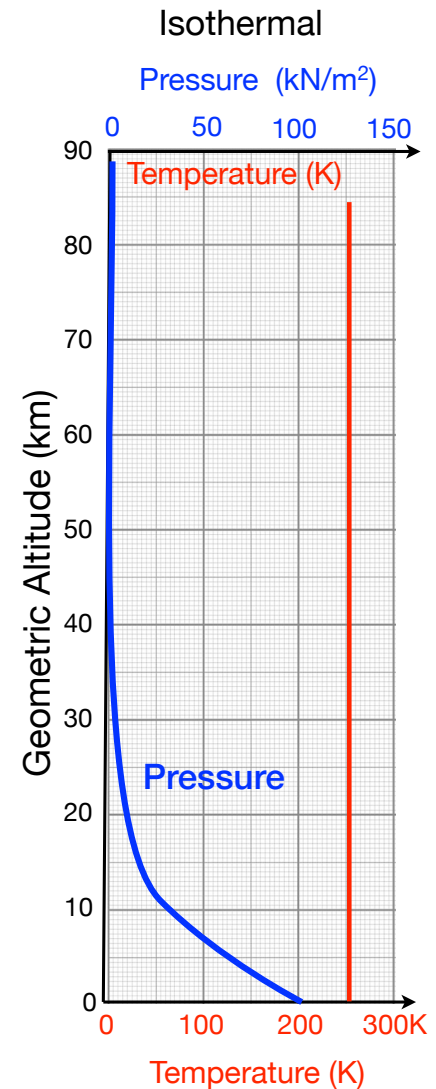
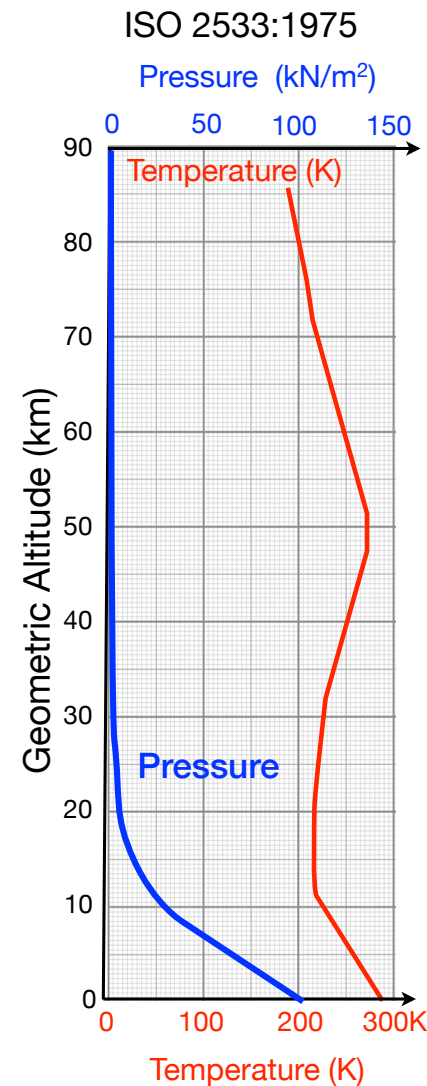




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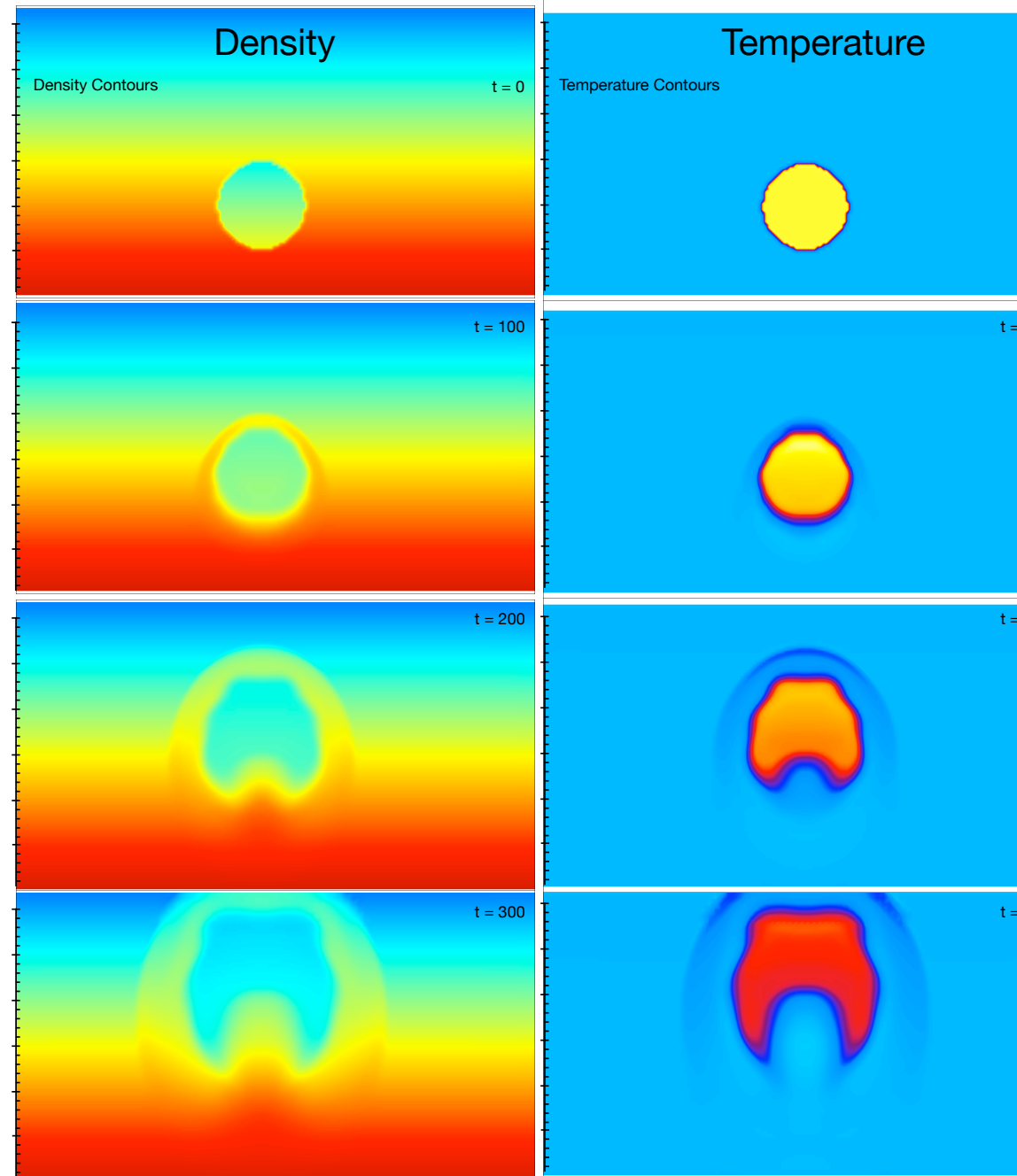


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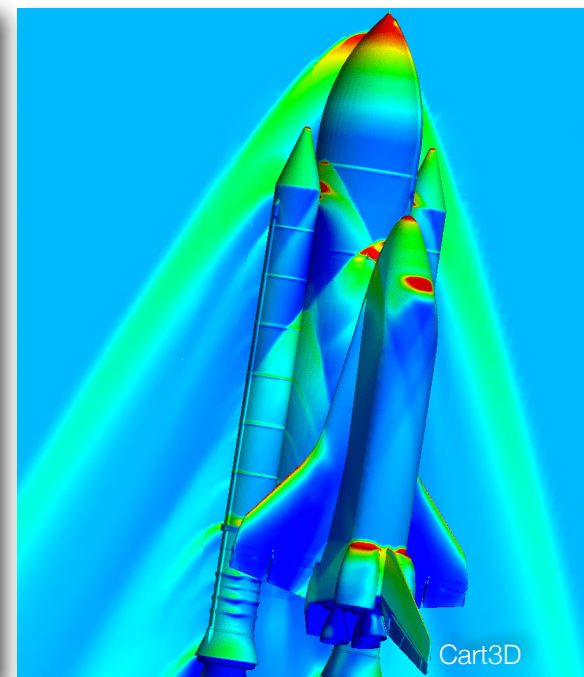
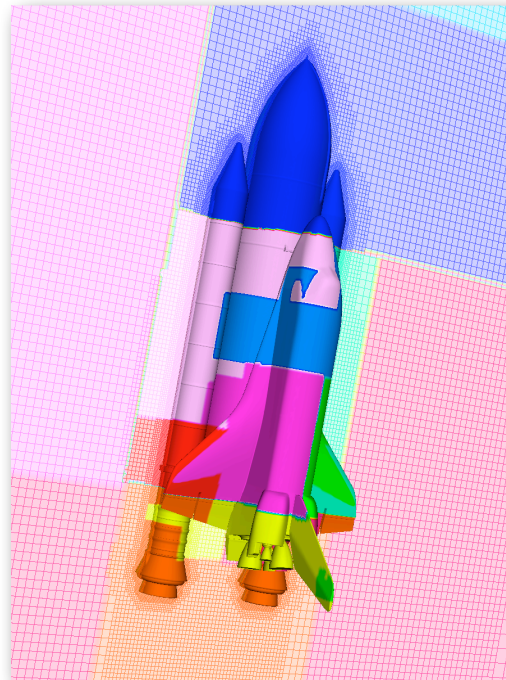
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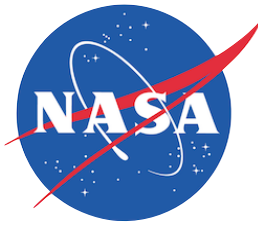


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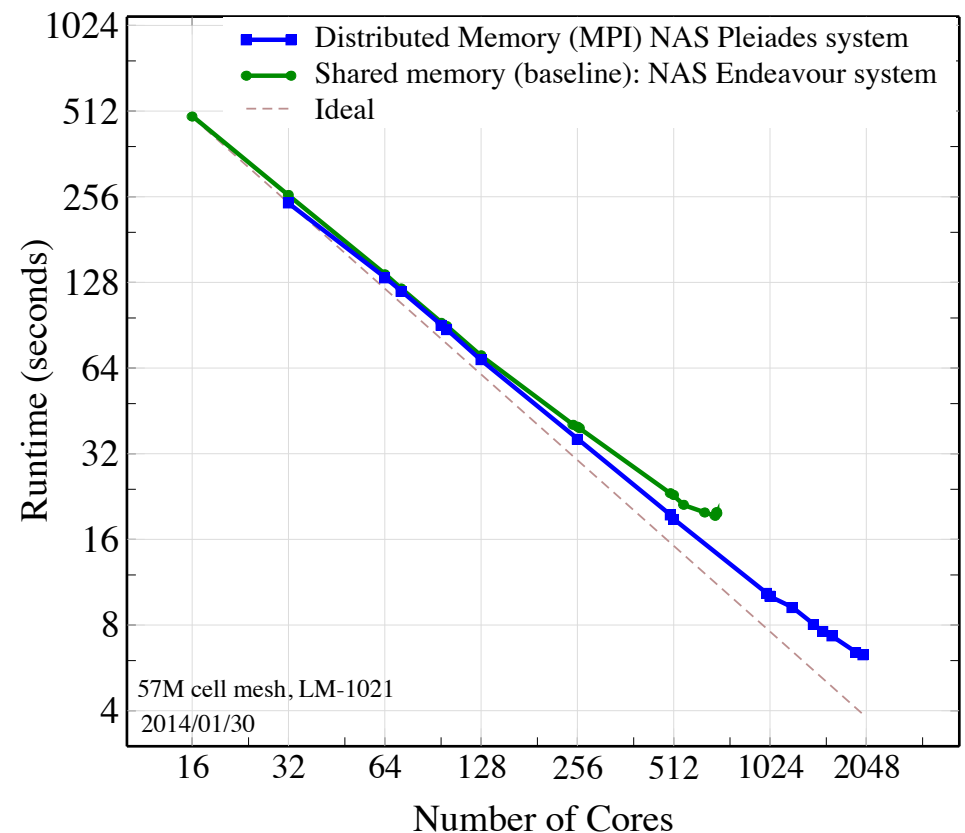




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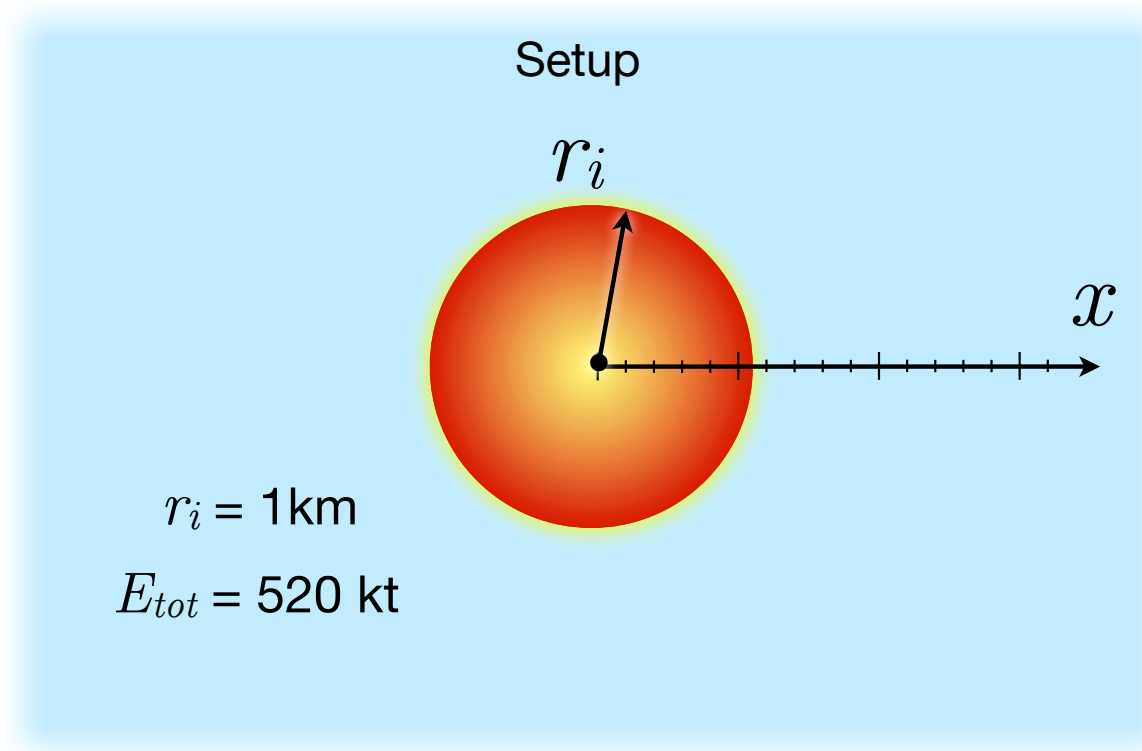
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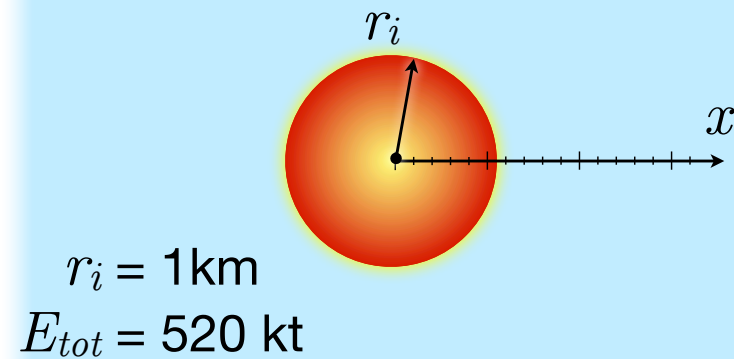


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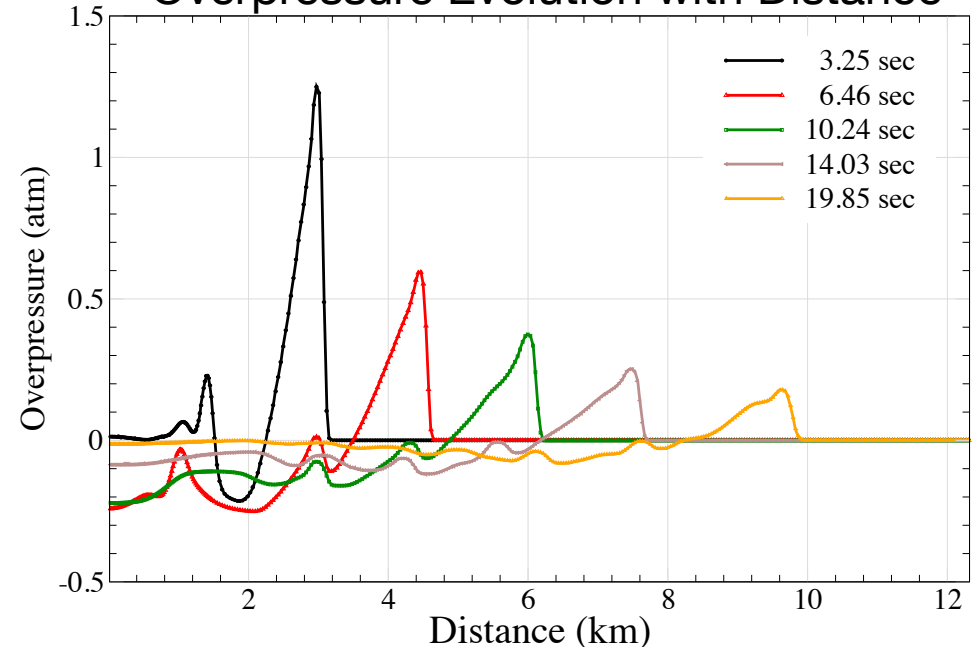
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- Static spherical charge with
 - No buoyancy
 - $E_{tot} = 520$ kt of TNT
 - Initial radius, $r_i = 1$ km
- Classical refs.
 - Brode, H. L., Blast wave from a spherical charge, *Phys. Fluids* (1959)
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Setup



Overpressure Evolution with Distance

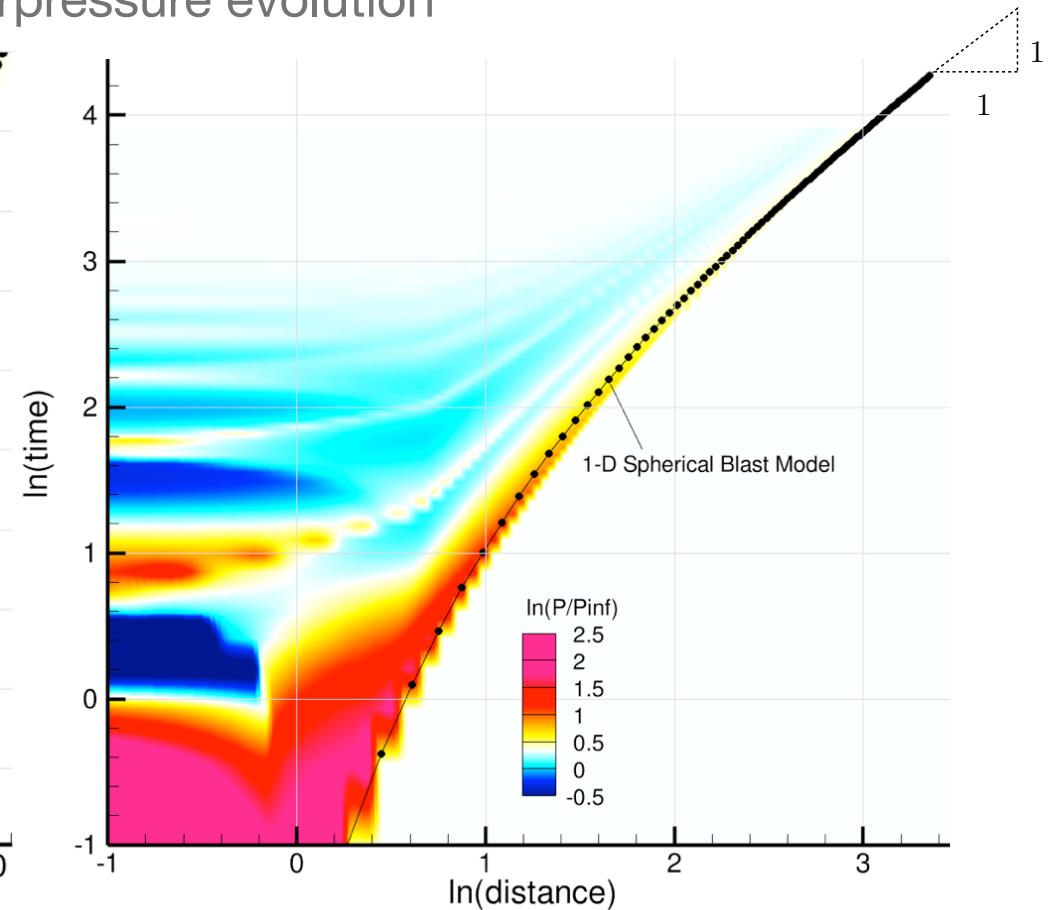
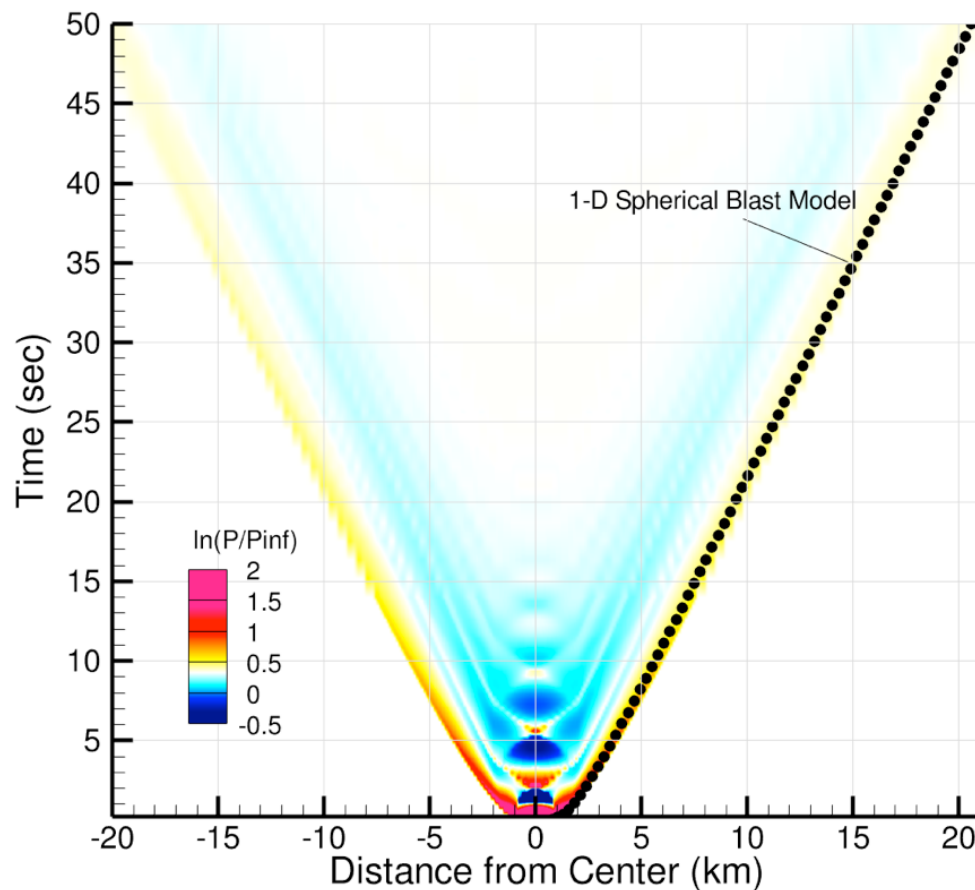


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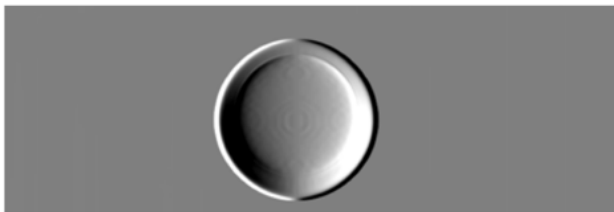
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Space-time overpressure evolution

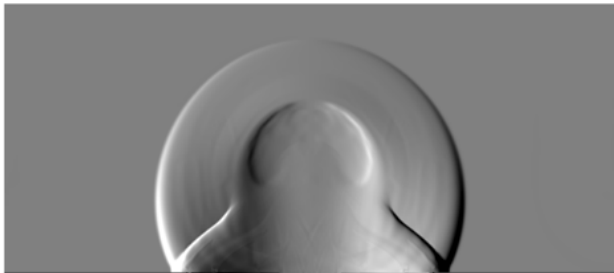


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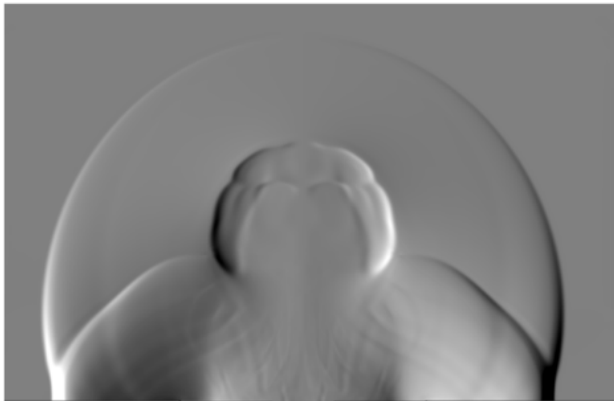
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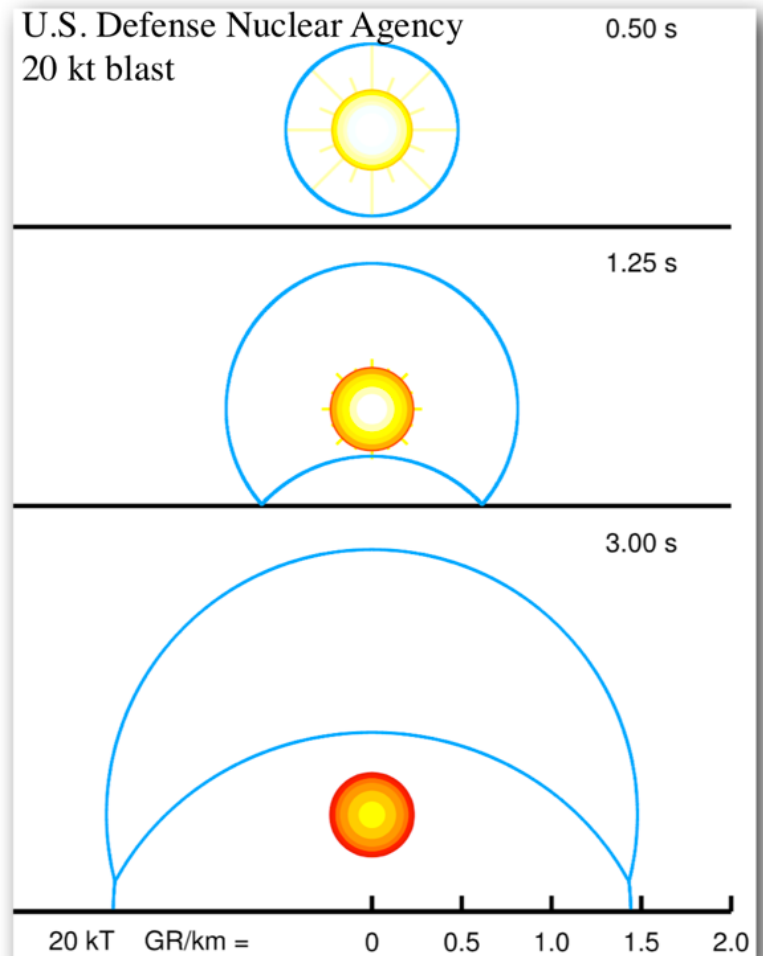
Spherical
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Simple shock
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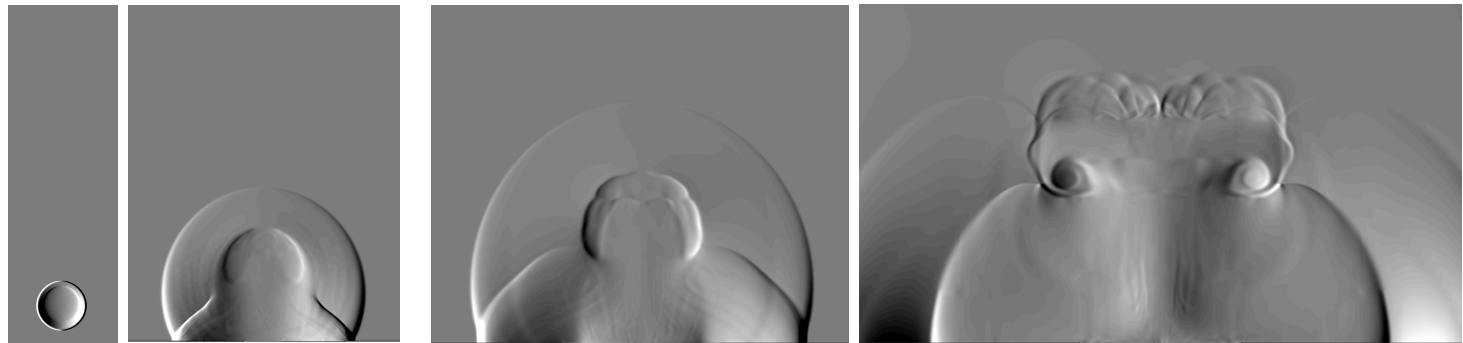
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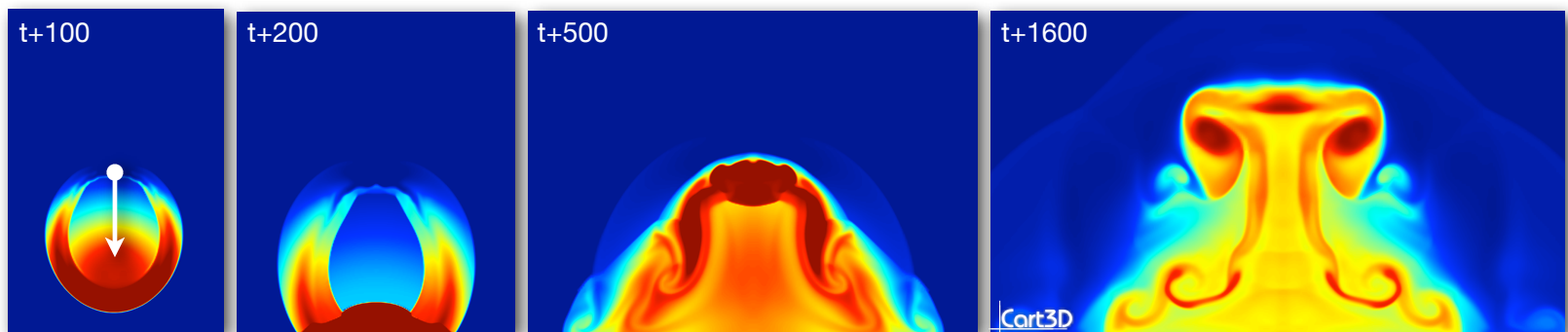
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 - Static airburst with buoyancy



- Moving airburst

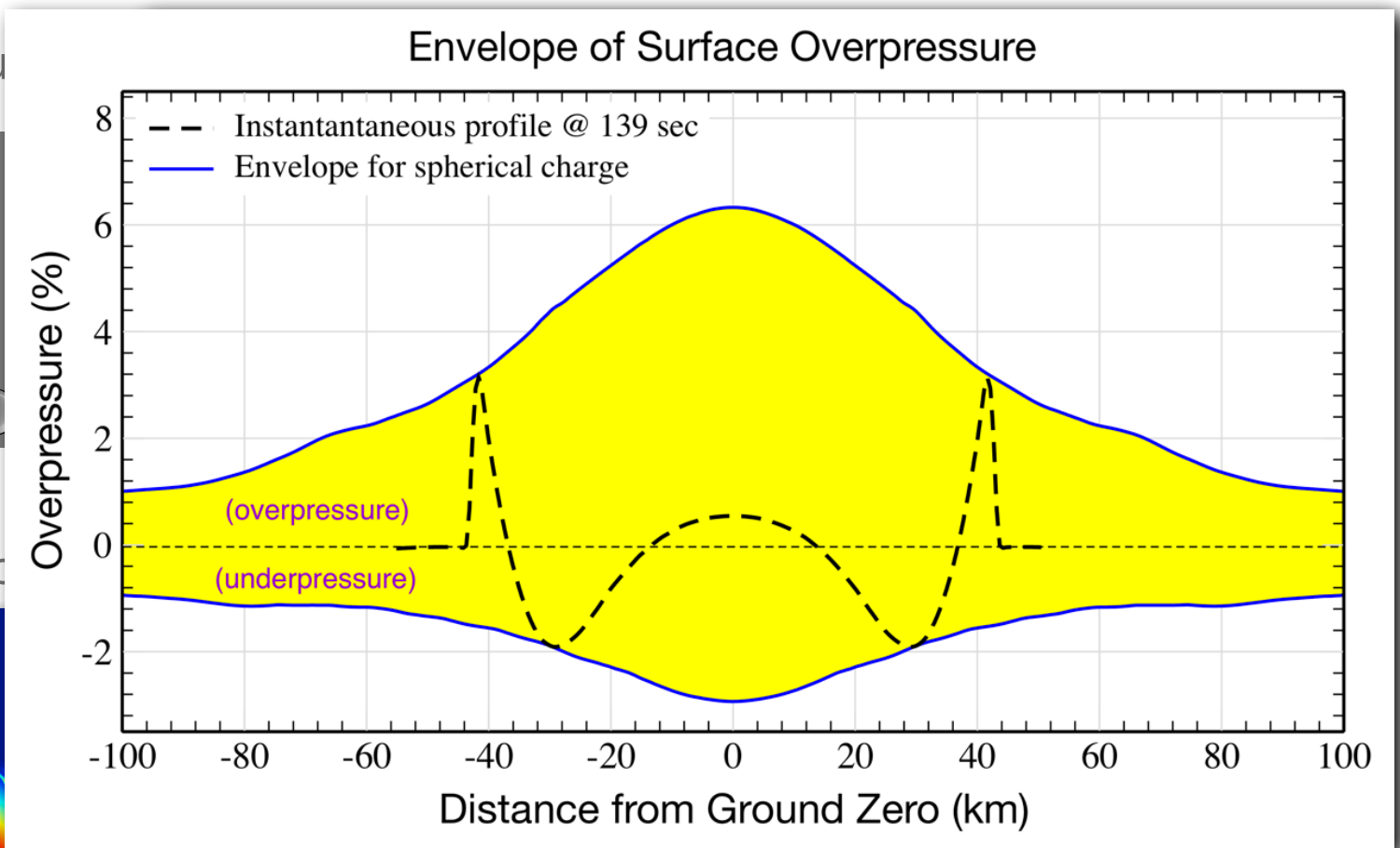


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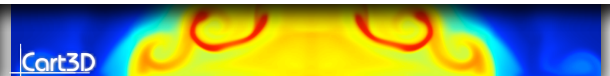
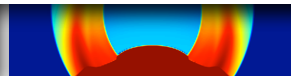
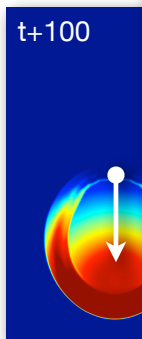
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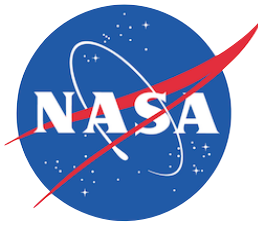
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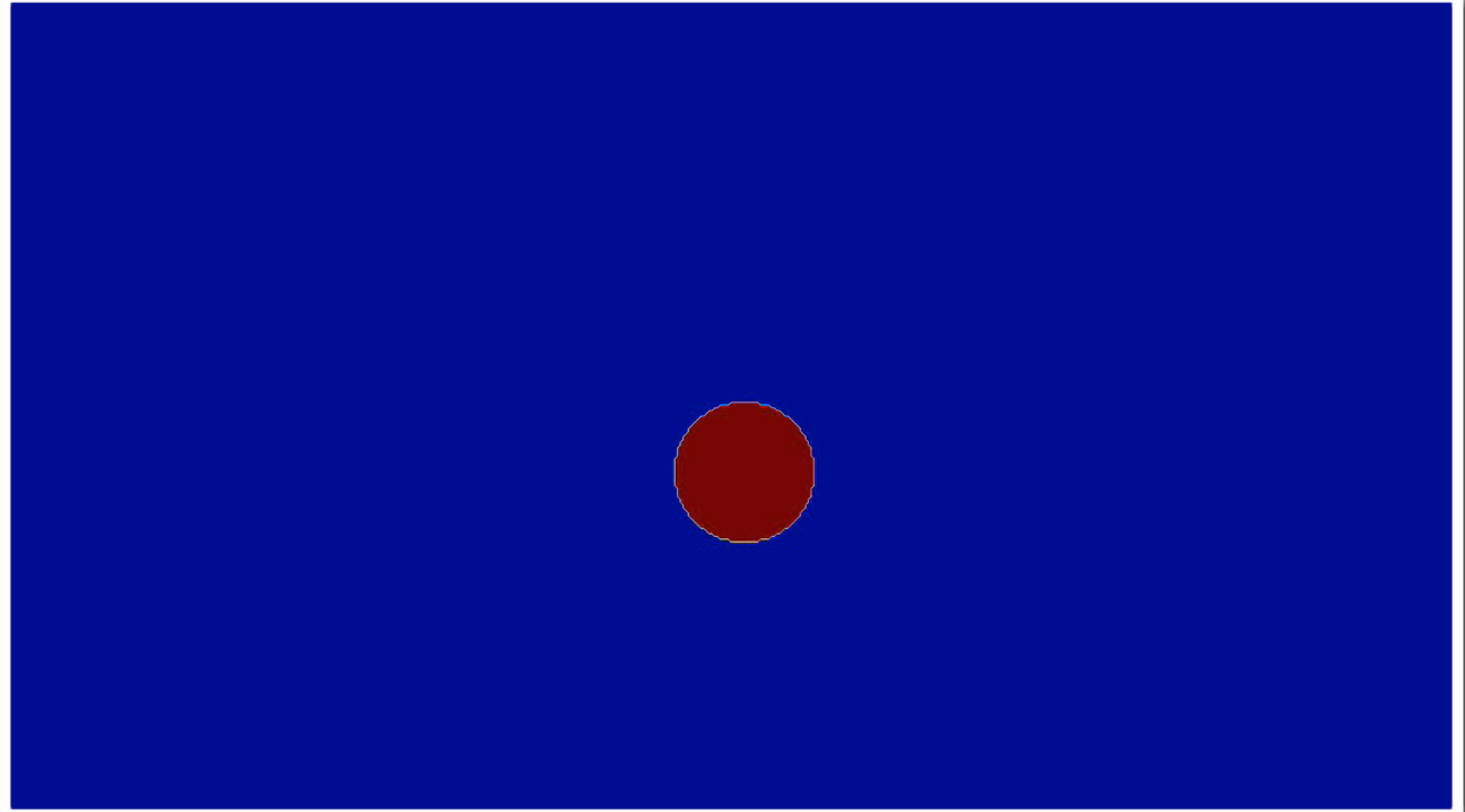


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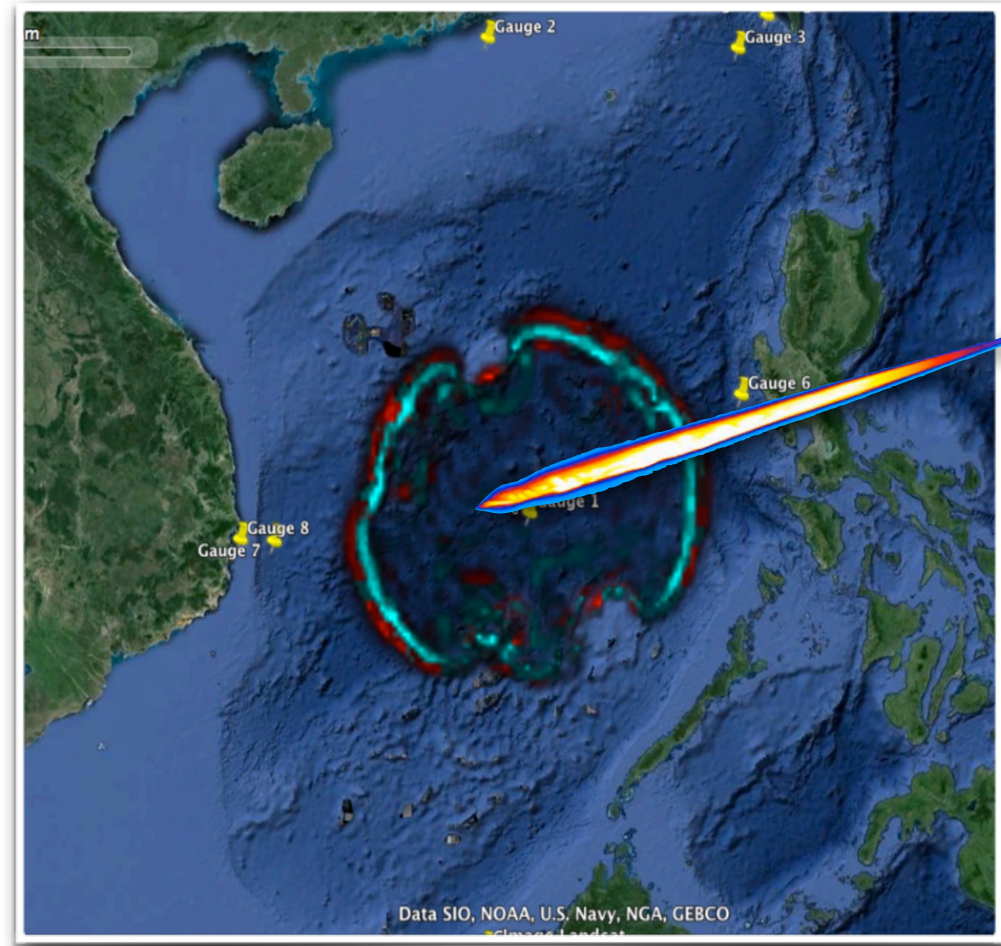
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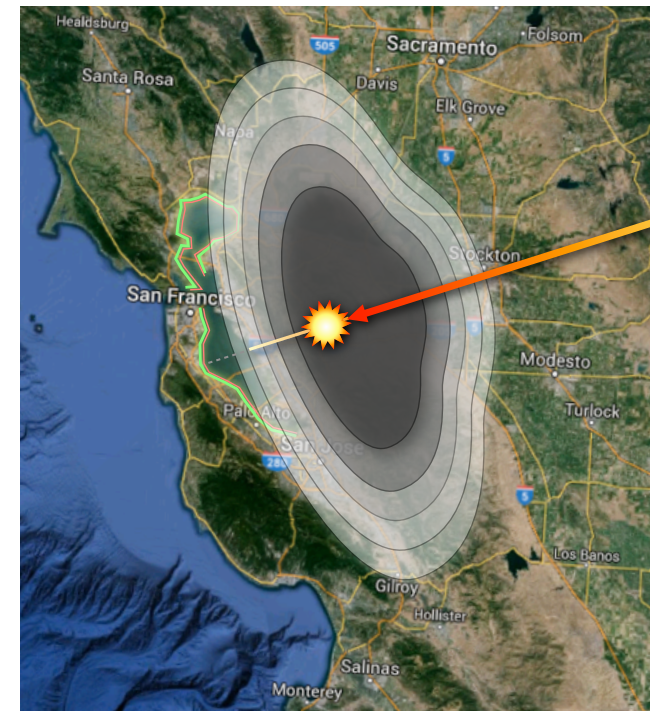
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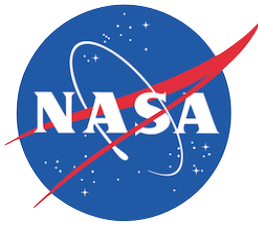


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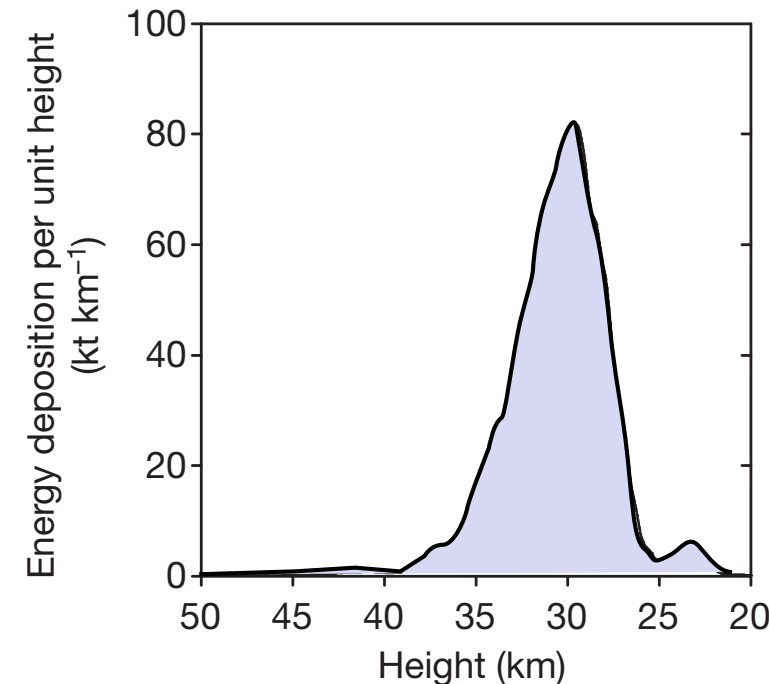


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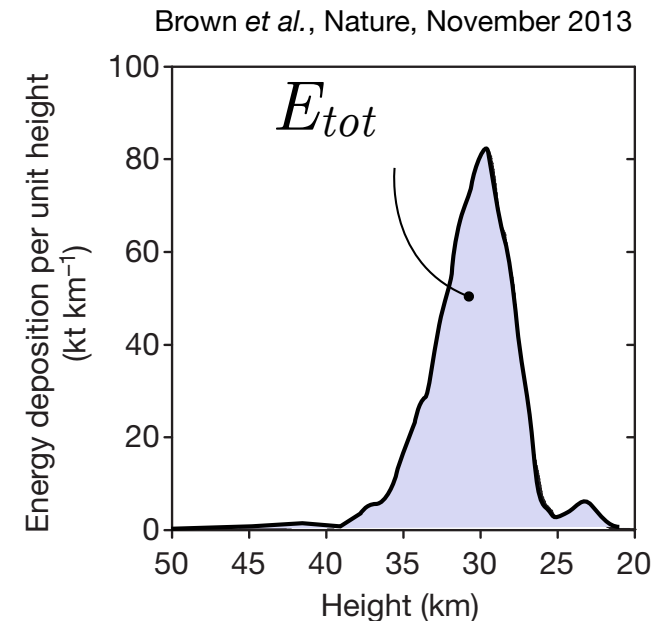
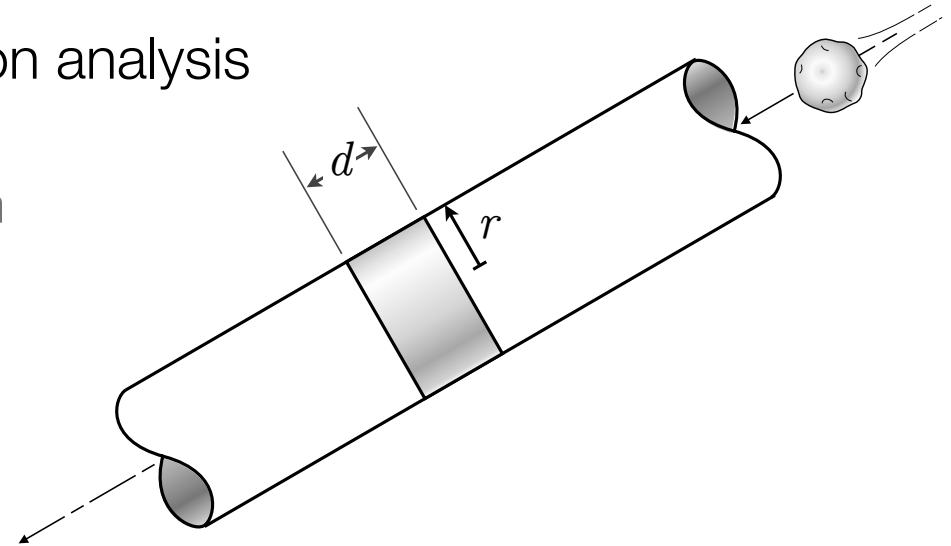
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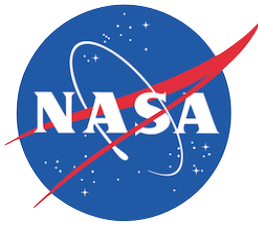


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Derive source terms through conservation analysis

- Release energy, mass and momentum into a corridor of known radius, r
- Over each time step, Δt , the meteor travels a distance $d = V\Delta t$
- Given energy deposition profile as a function of altitude
- Derive time-dependent sources for mass, momentum and energy



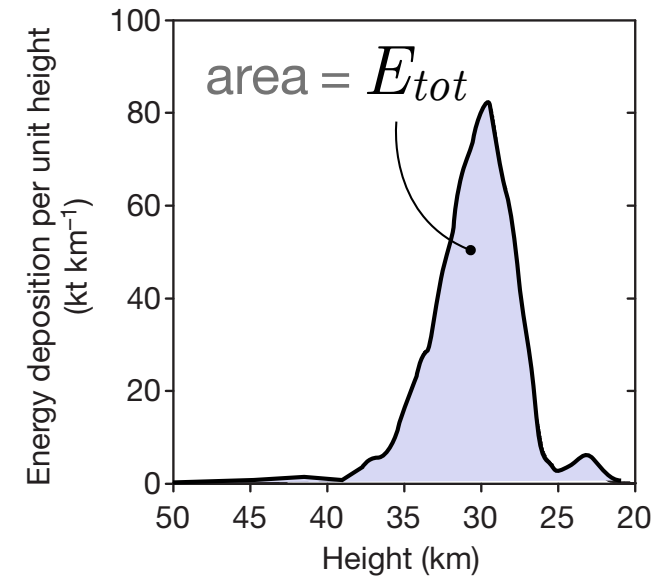


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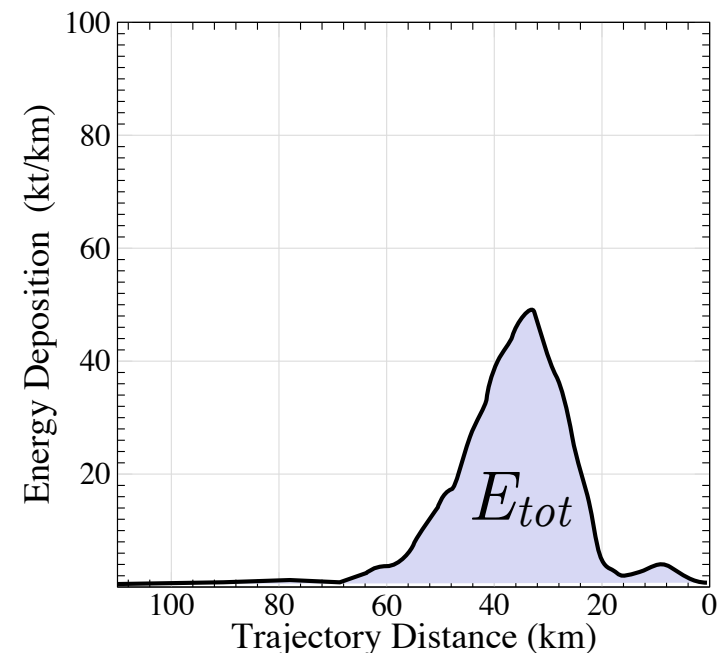
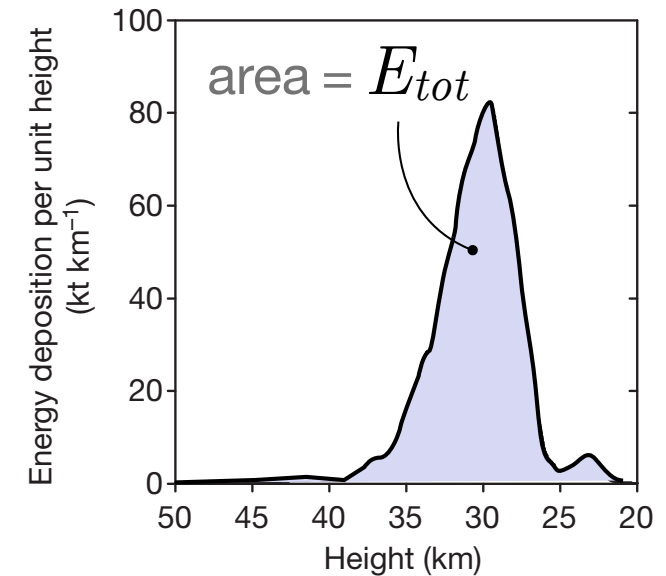
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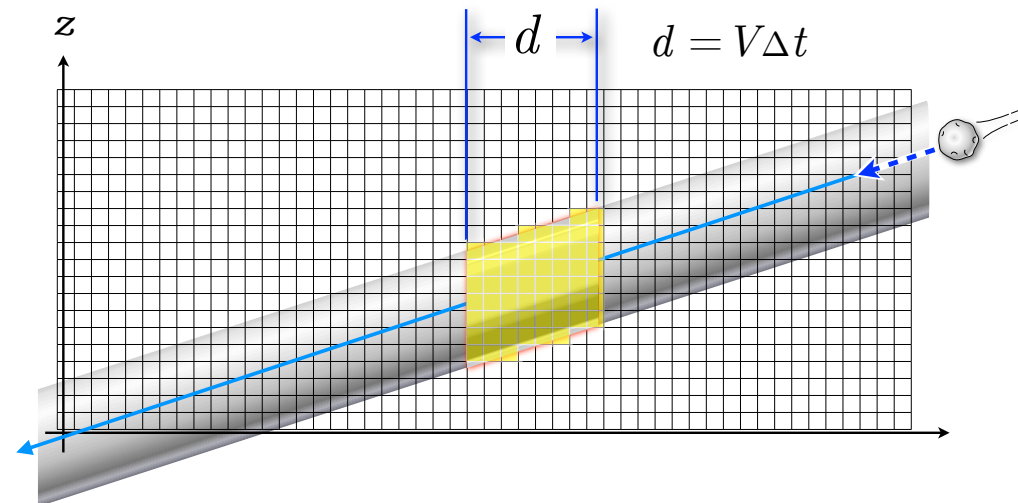
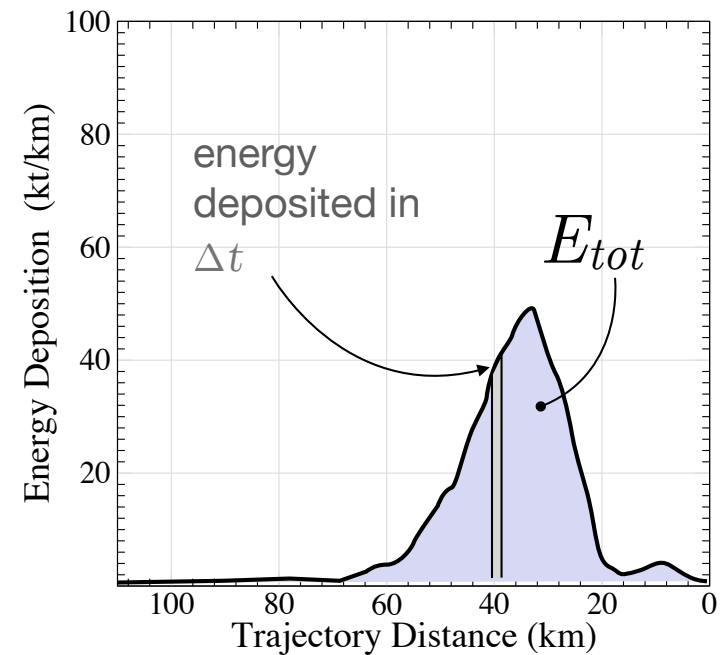
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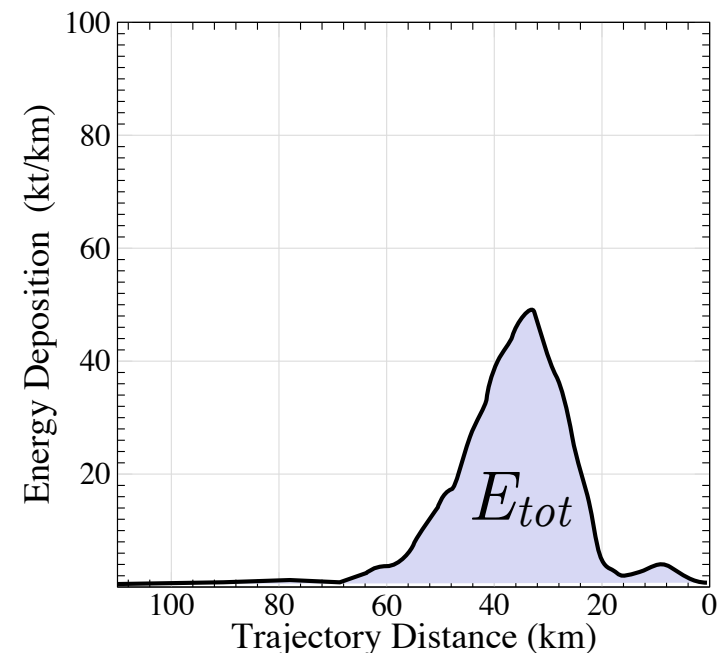
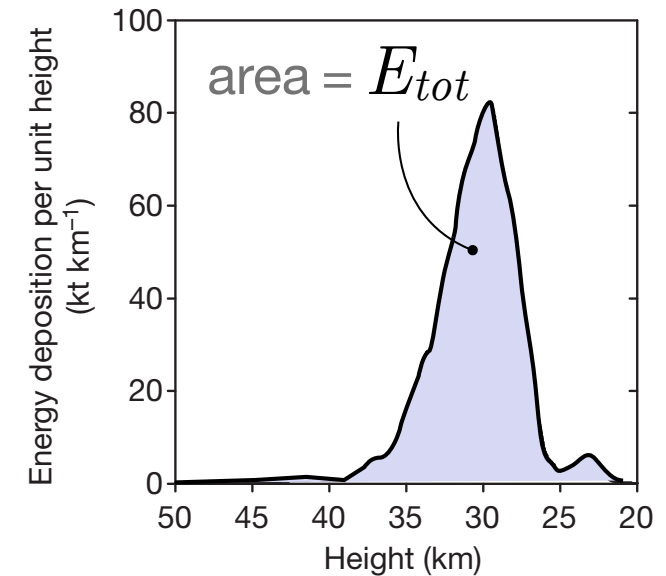
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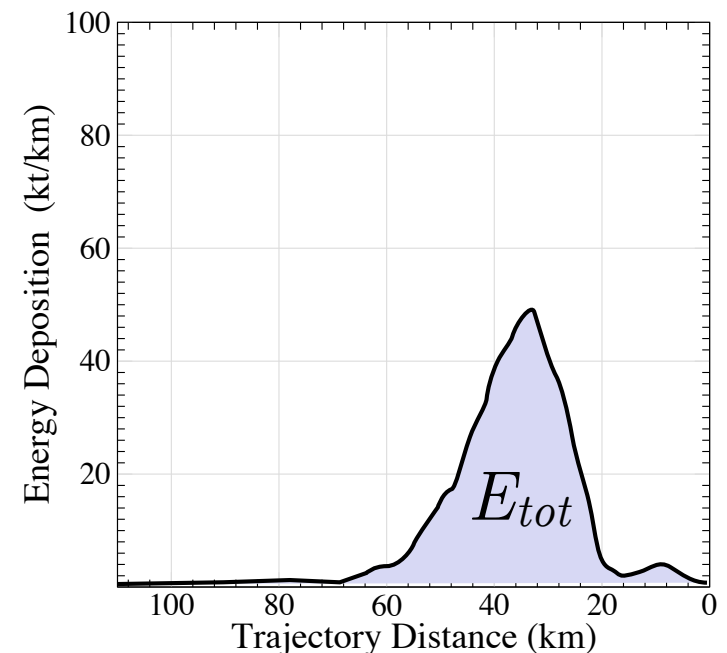
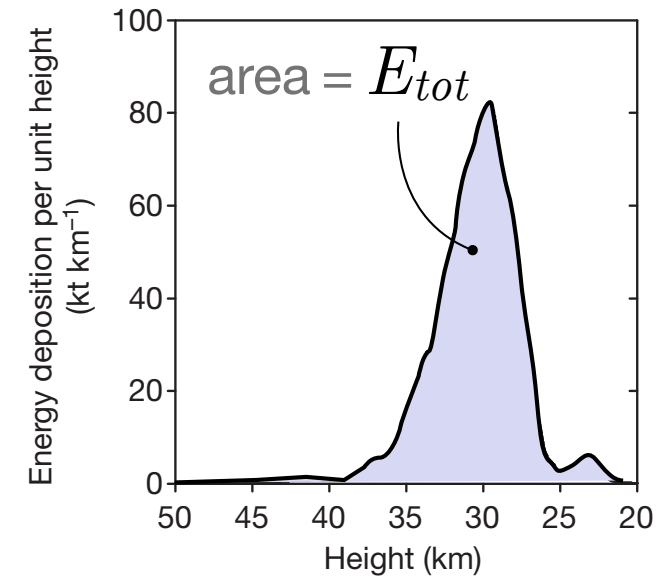
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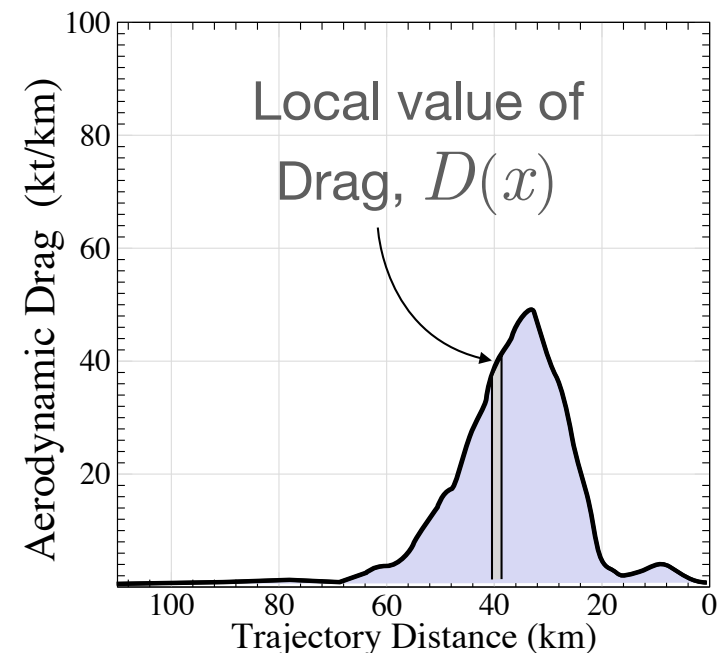
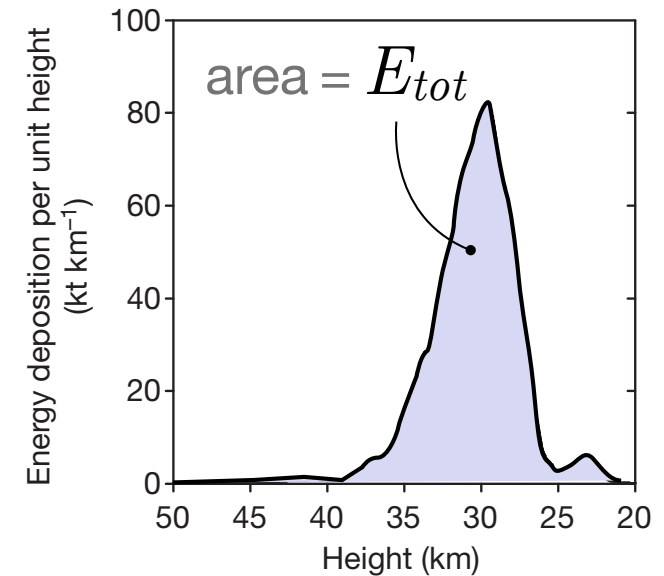
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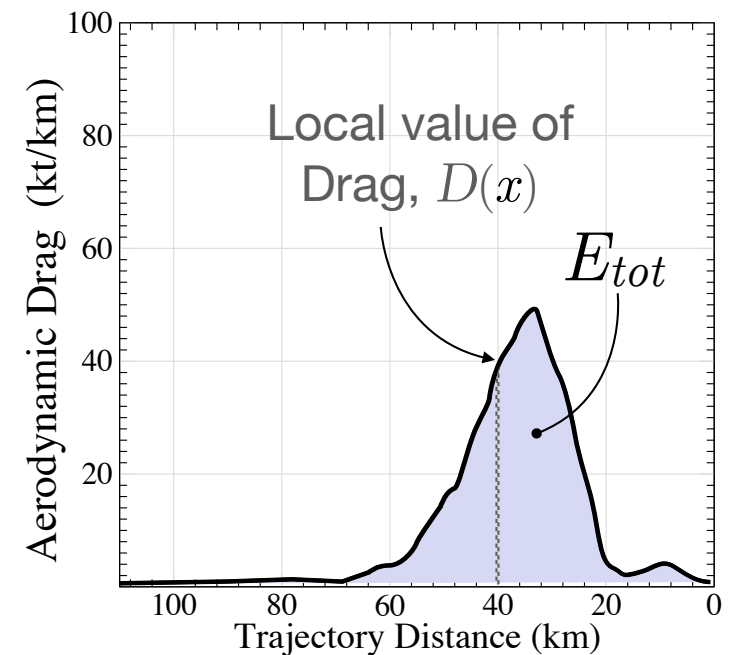
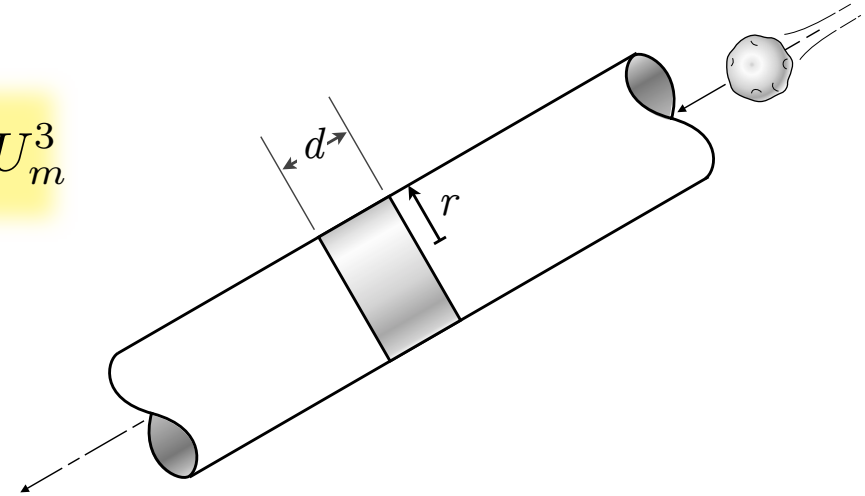
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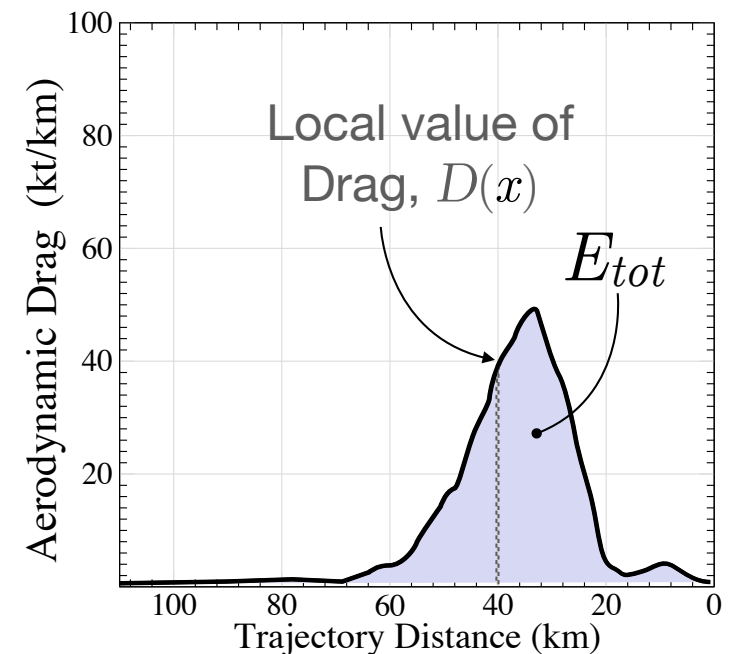
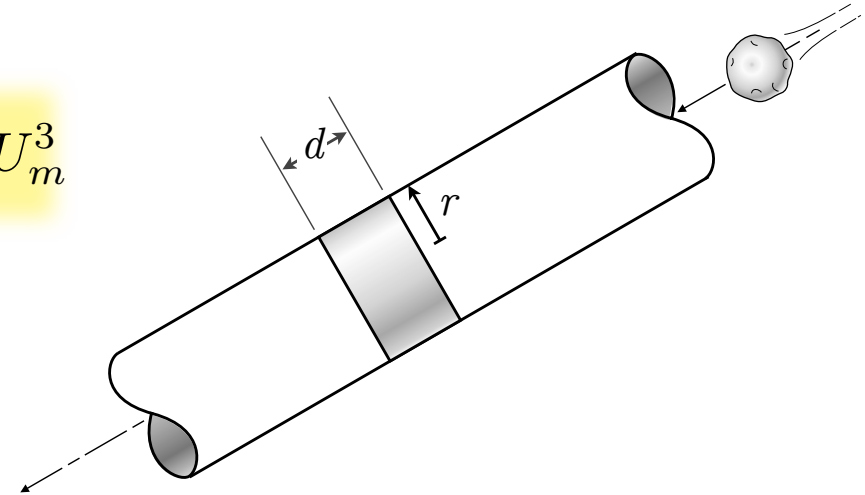
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- So, rate of mass loss is

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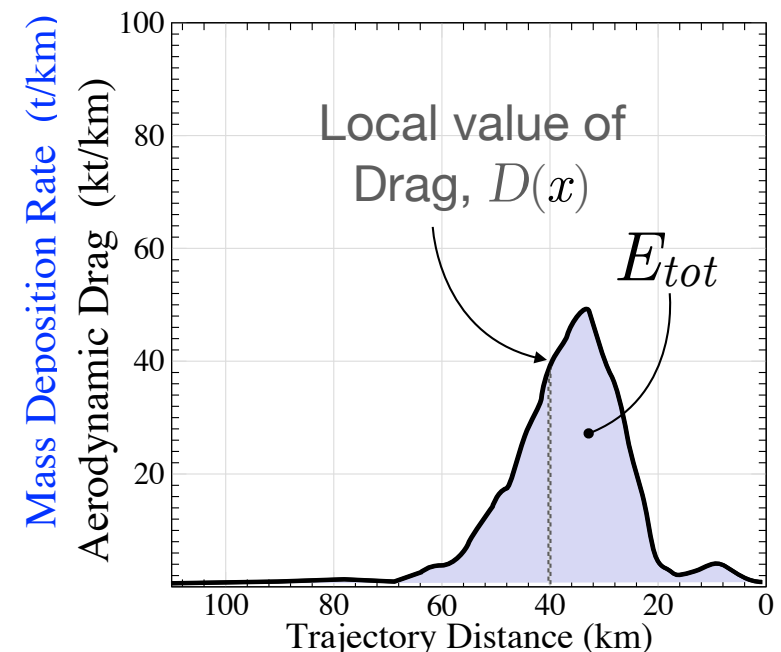
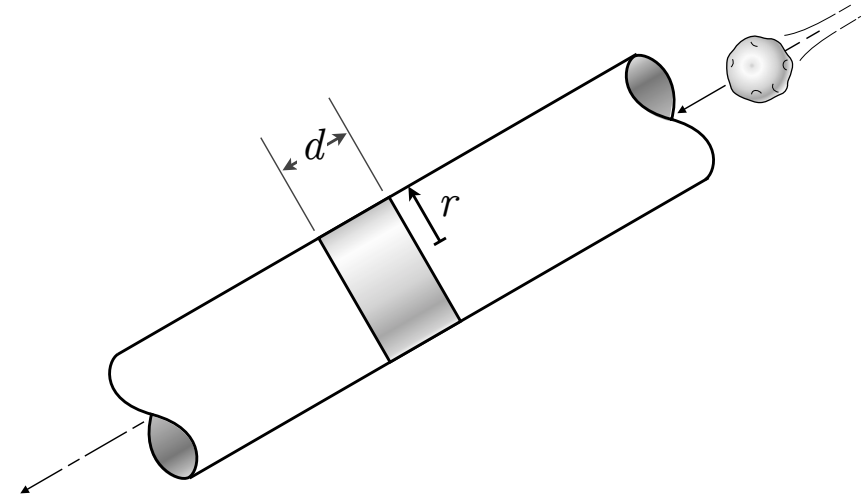


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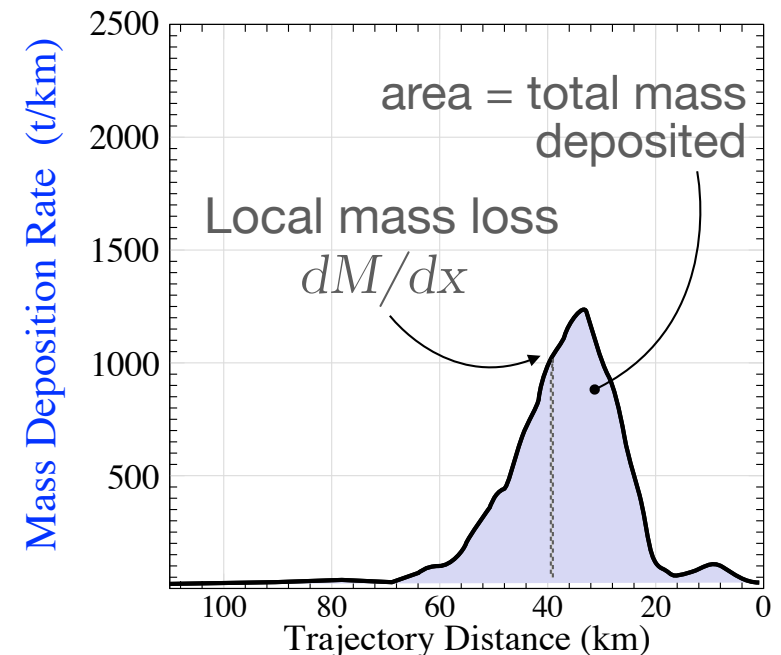
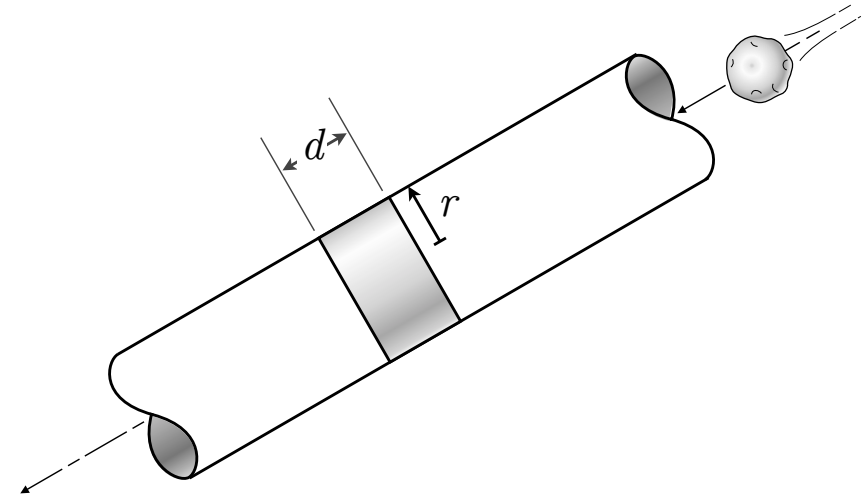
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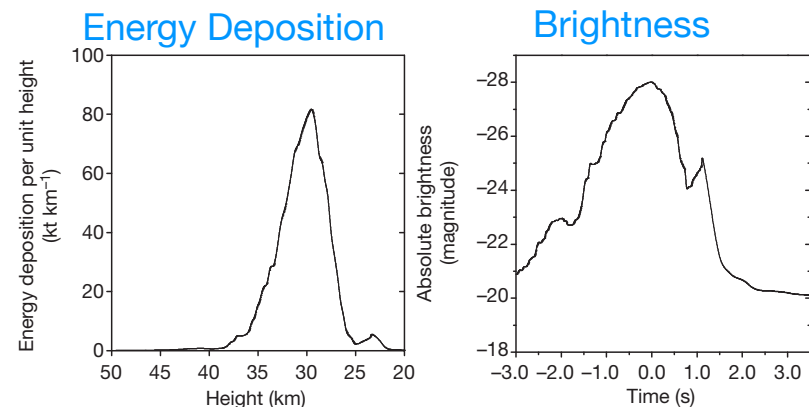
- Area under profile is now the total mass deposited $M_{tot} = (M_{entry} - M_{GroundFragments})$
- From mass deposition and velocity, we also know momentum deposition



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February 15, 2013

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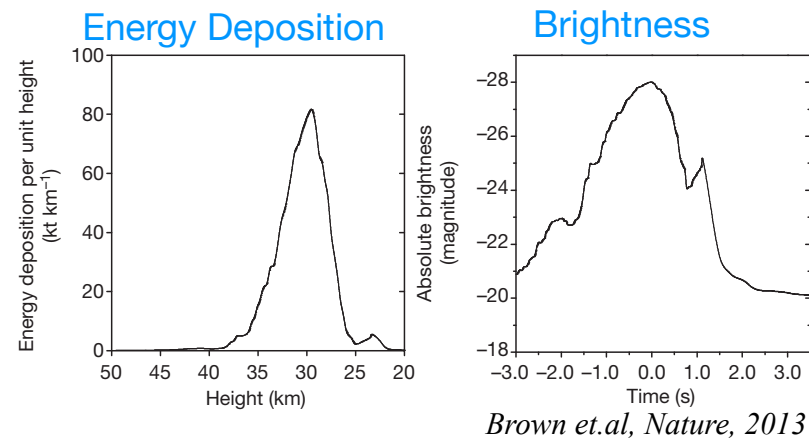
Brown et.al, Nature, 2013

Very well studied event, simulations of virtually all aspects of entry, breakup, analysis of composition, blast propagation, ground damage, etc.

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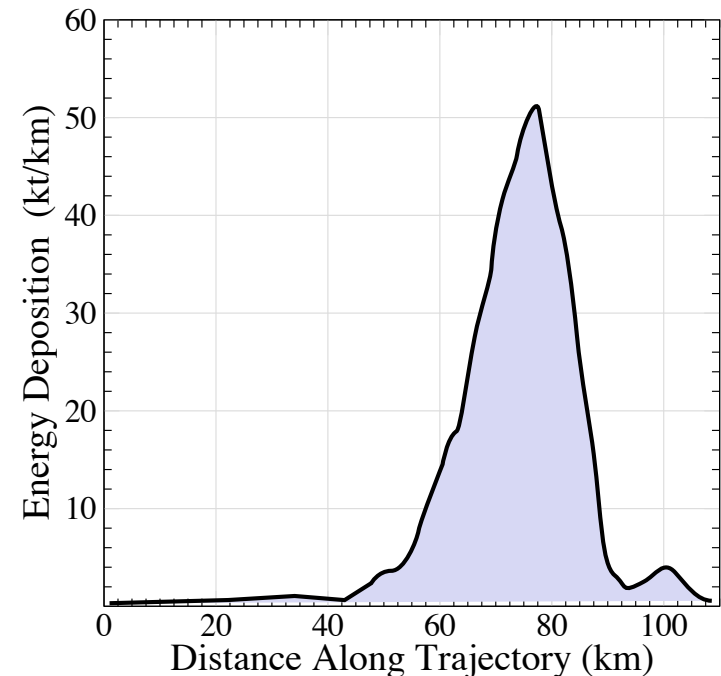
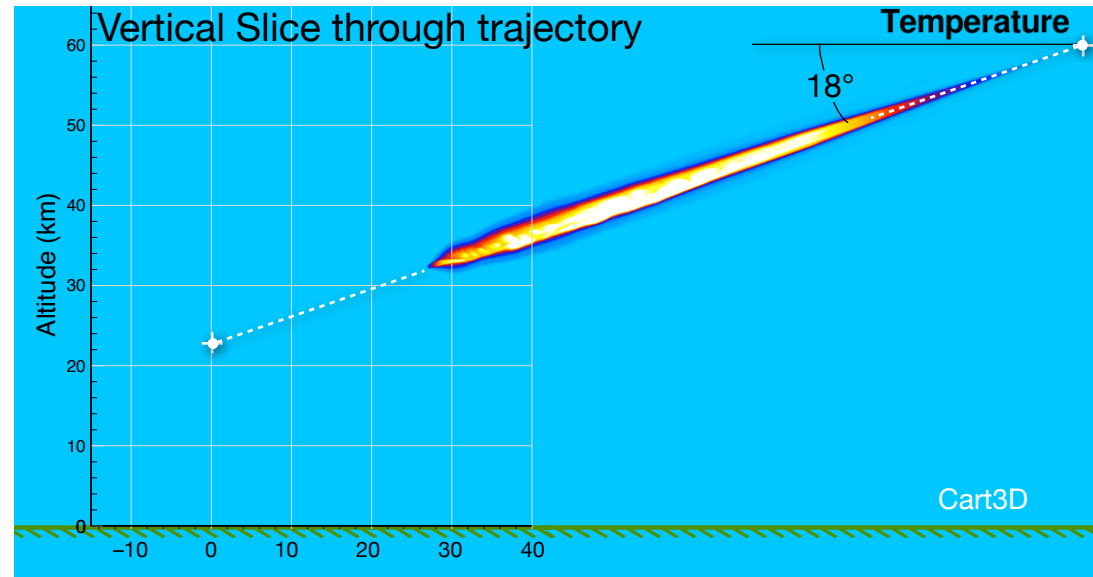
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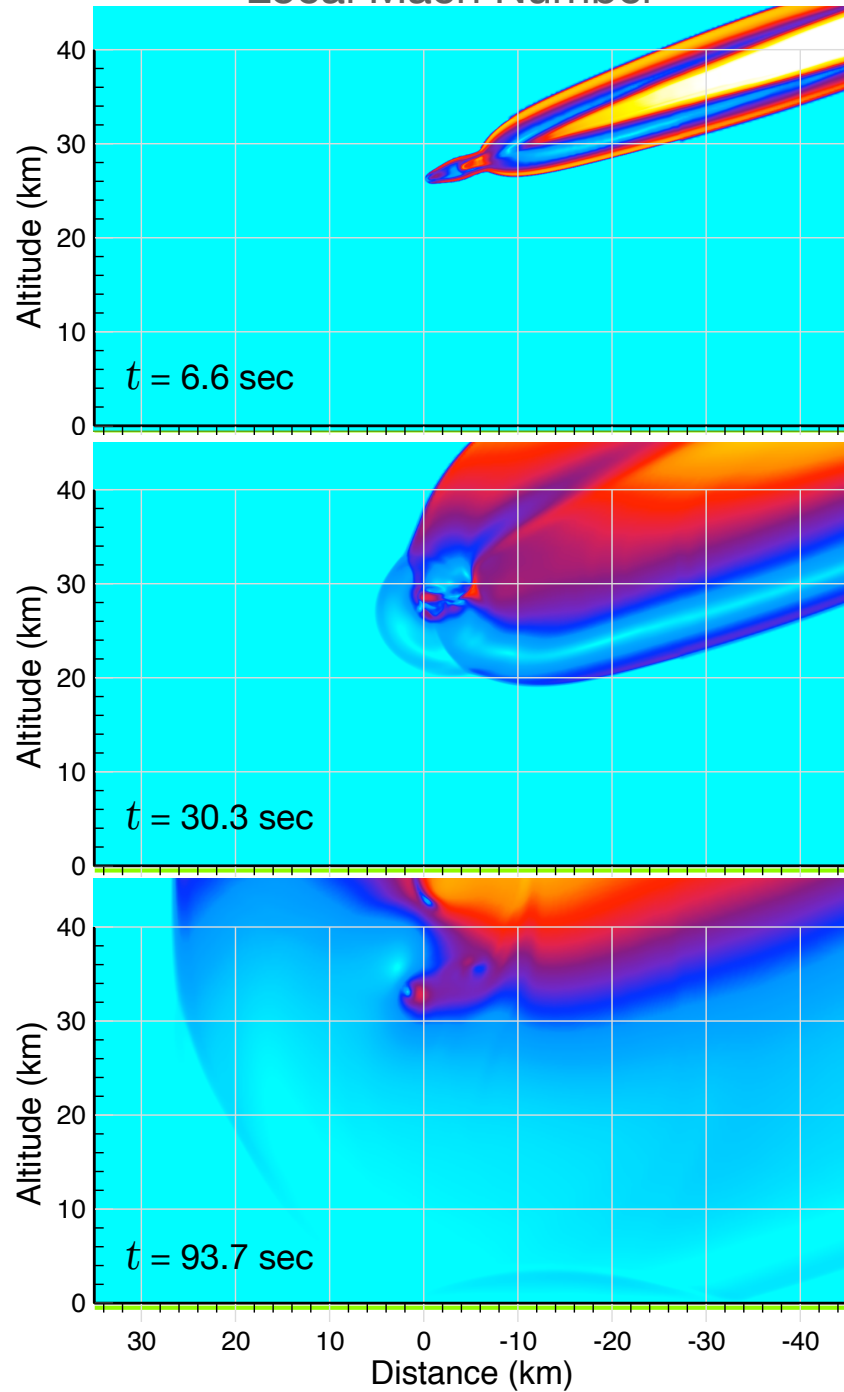
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Simulation Details

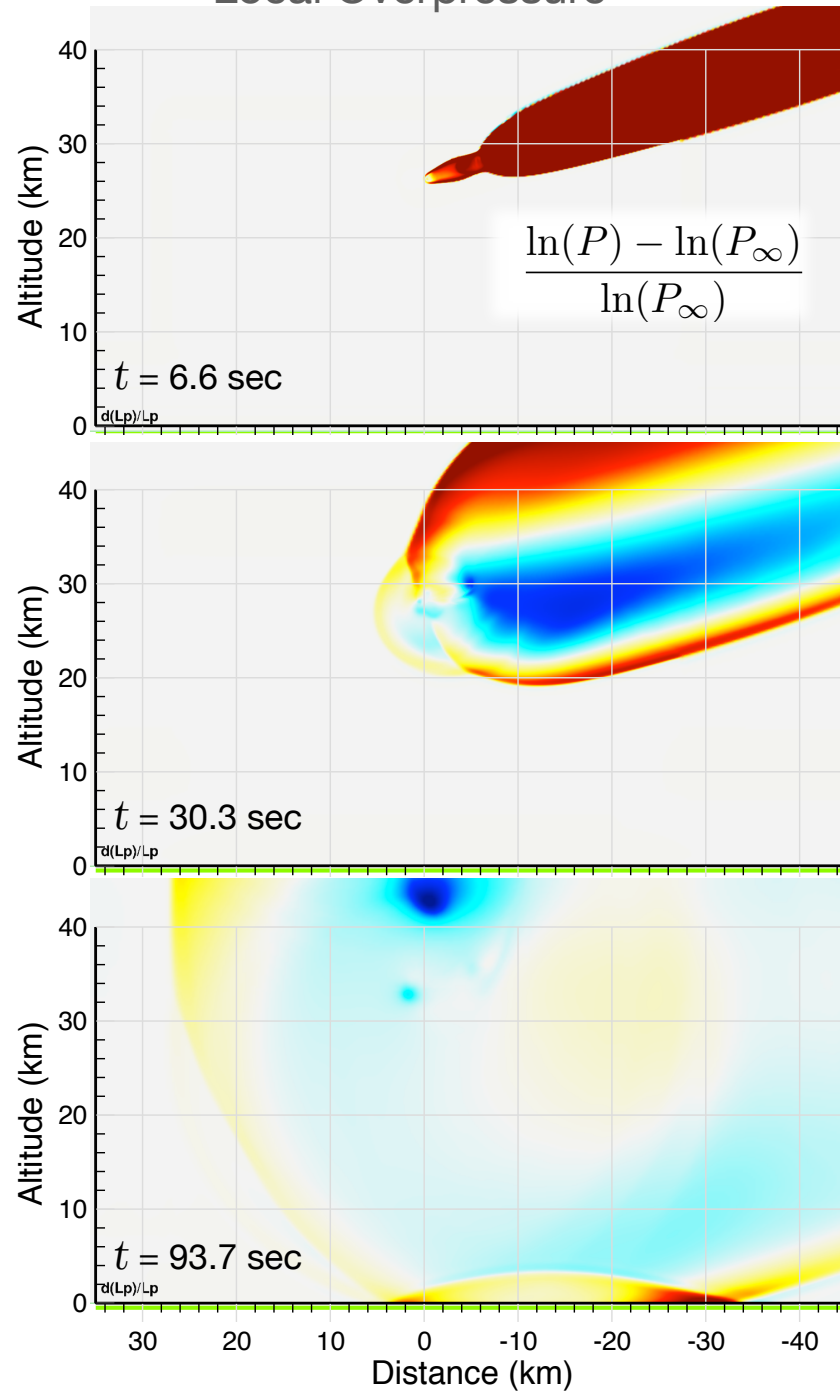
- Energy deposition:
 - $E_{tot} = (520 \text{ kt} - 5\% \text{ radiation})$
 - Profile from Brown et al. Nature 2013
- Net mass deposited:
 - $m_{tot} = 12.5 \text{e6 kg}$
- Trajectory:
 - 18.6 km/sec, (~Mach 61.7) @ 18° angle
 - Peak brightness @ 29.5 km
 - ~110 km length, 60→24 km altitude
 - Assume constant velocity
- 3D simulation with ~90M cells
 - Resolution of ~20 m along trajectory & ~100 m resolution near ground
 - Simulation covers ~300 sec. of real time

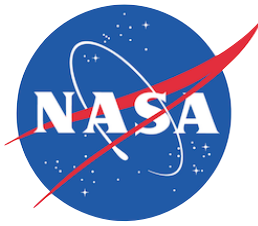


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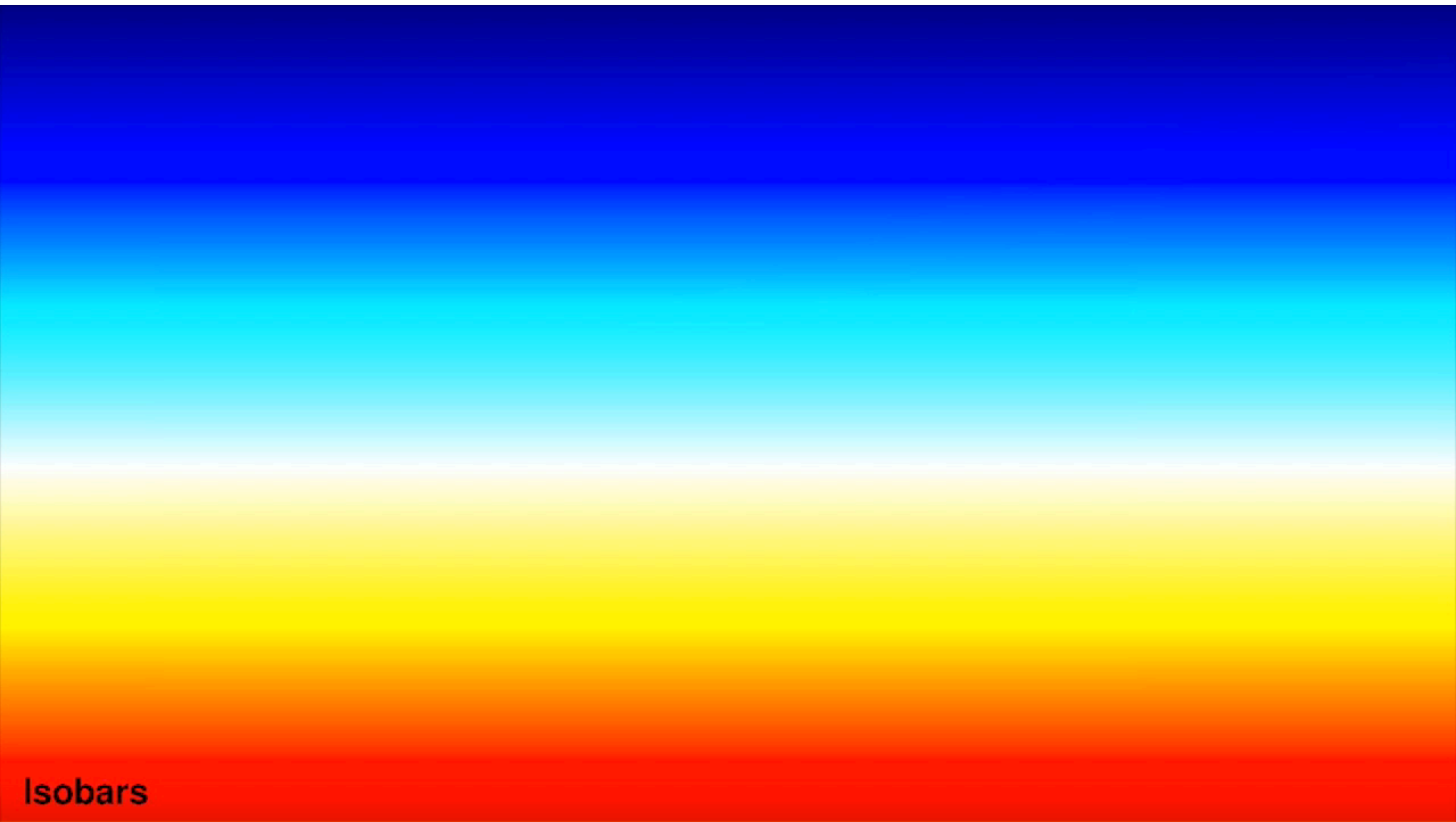


Local Overpressure





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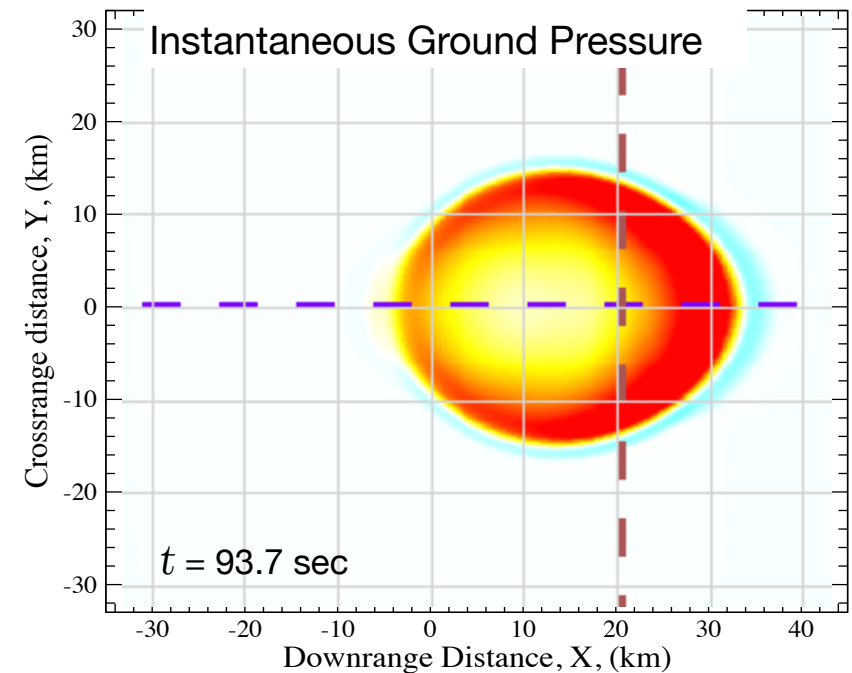
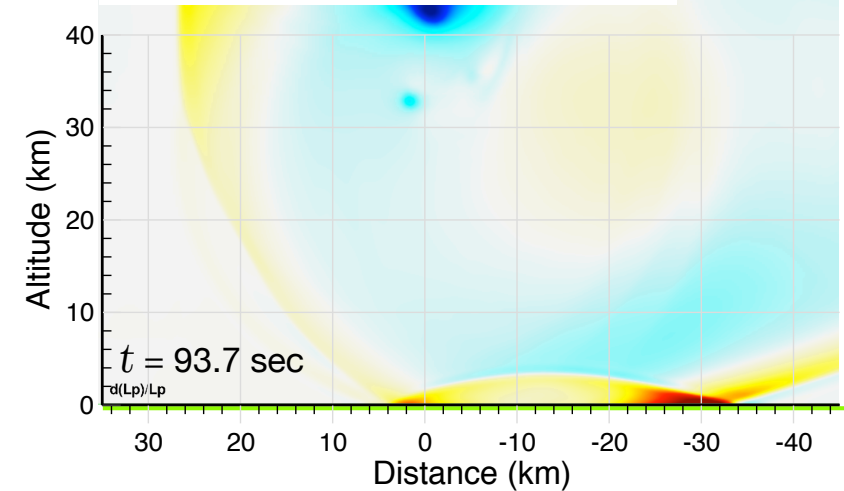
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Ground footprint

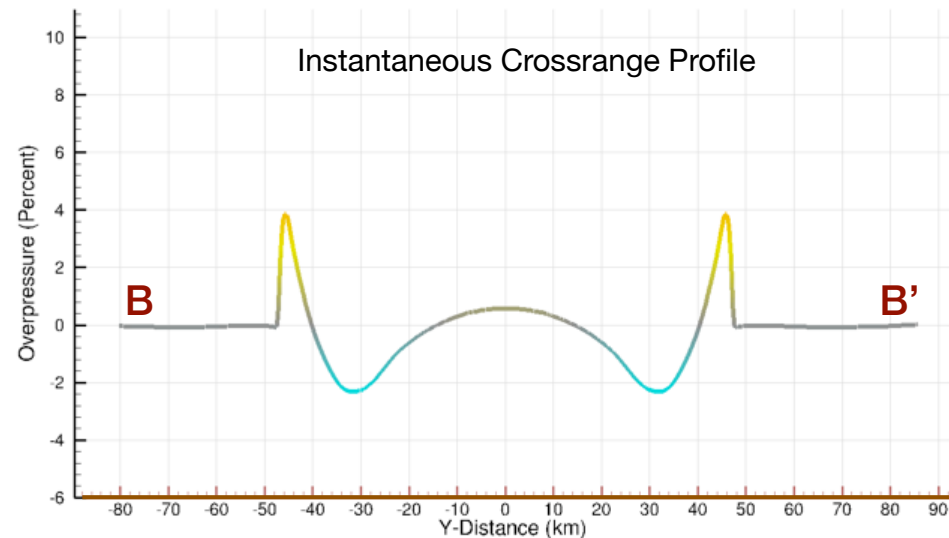
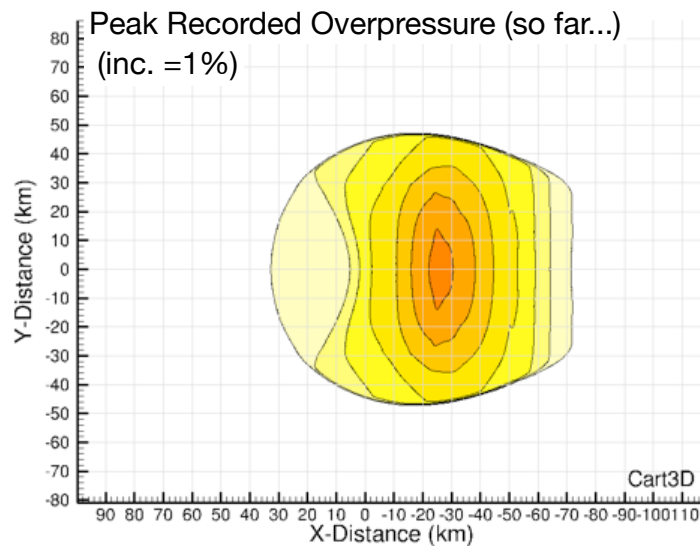
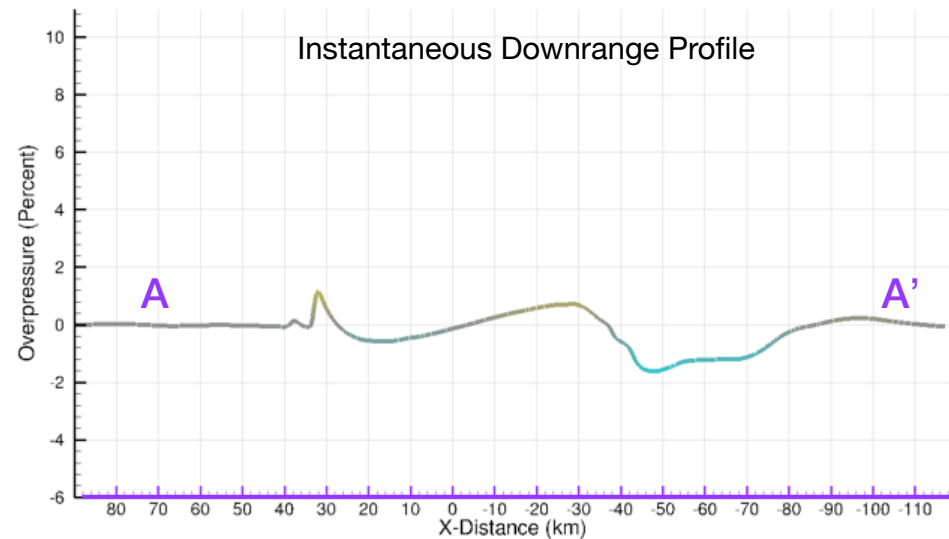
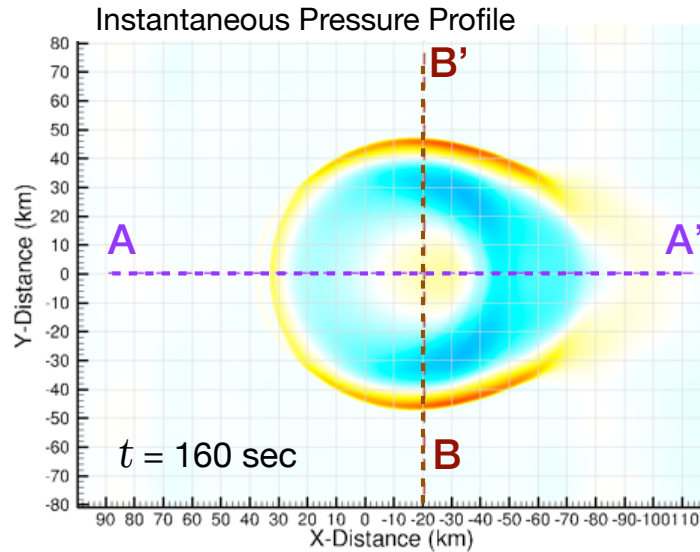
- Goal is prediction of pressure & velocity on the ground
- Blast first contacts ground at $t = \sim 82.7$ sec elapsed time (~ 77 sec after peak brightness)

Vertical Slice through trajectory



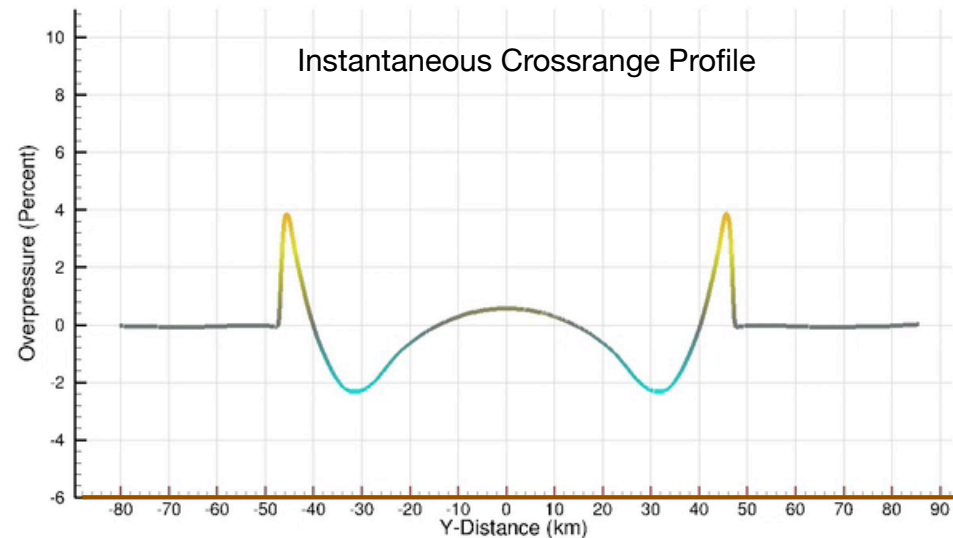
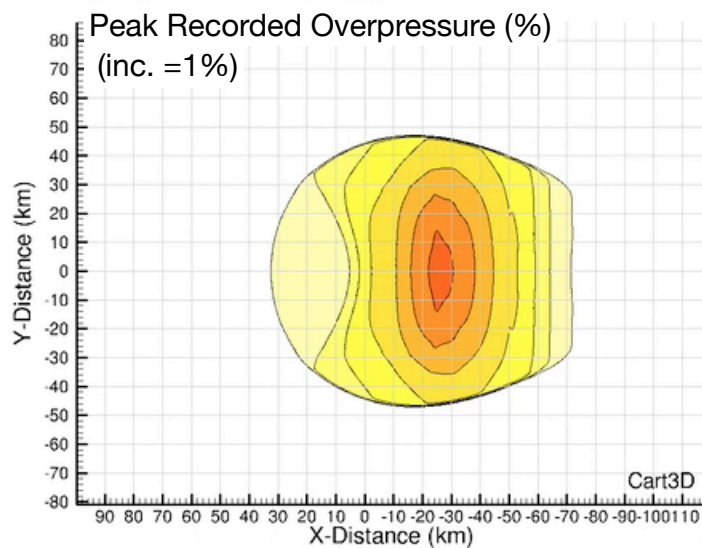
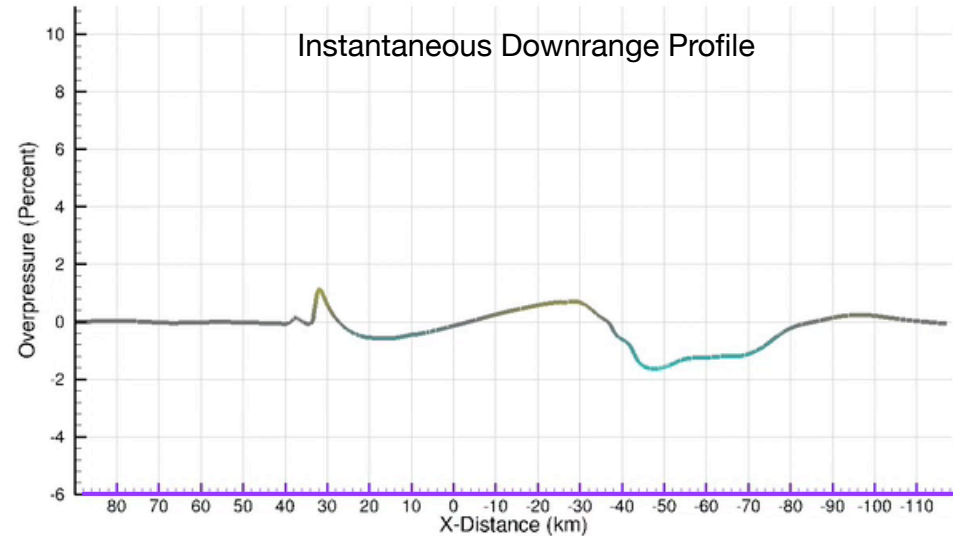
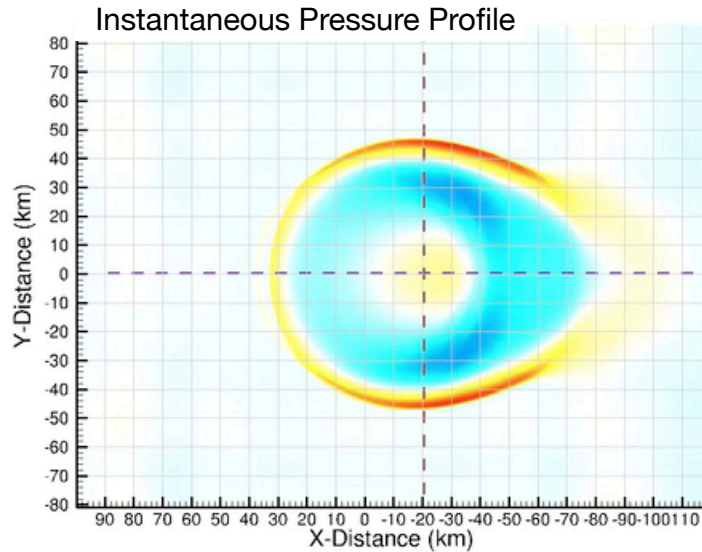
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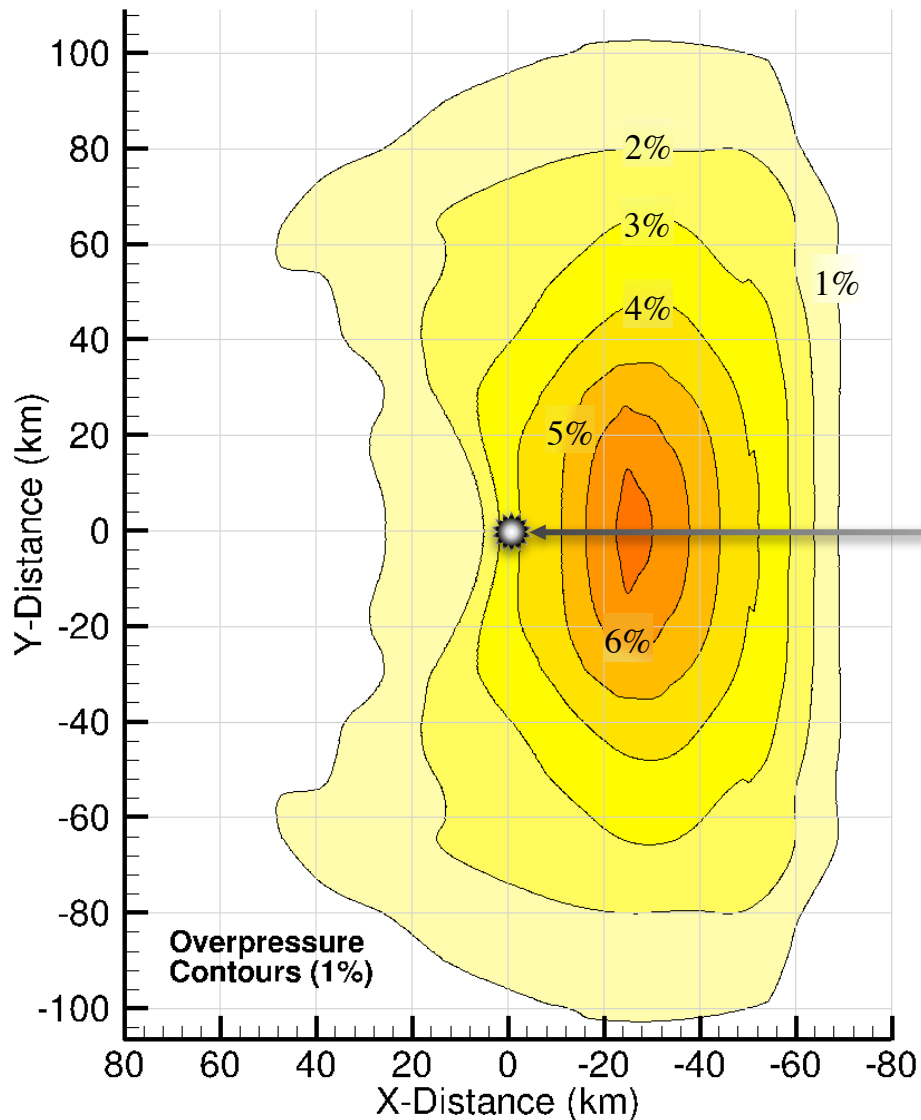
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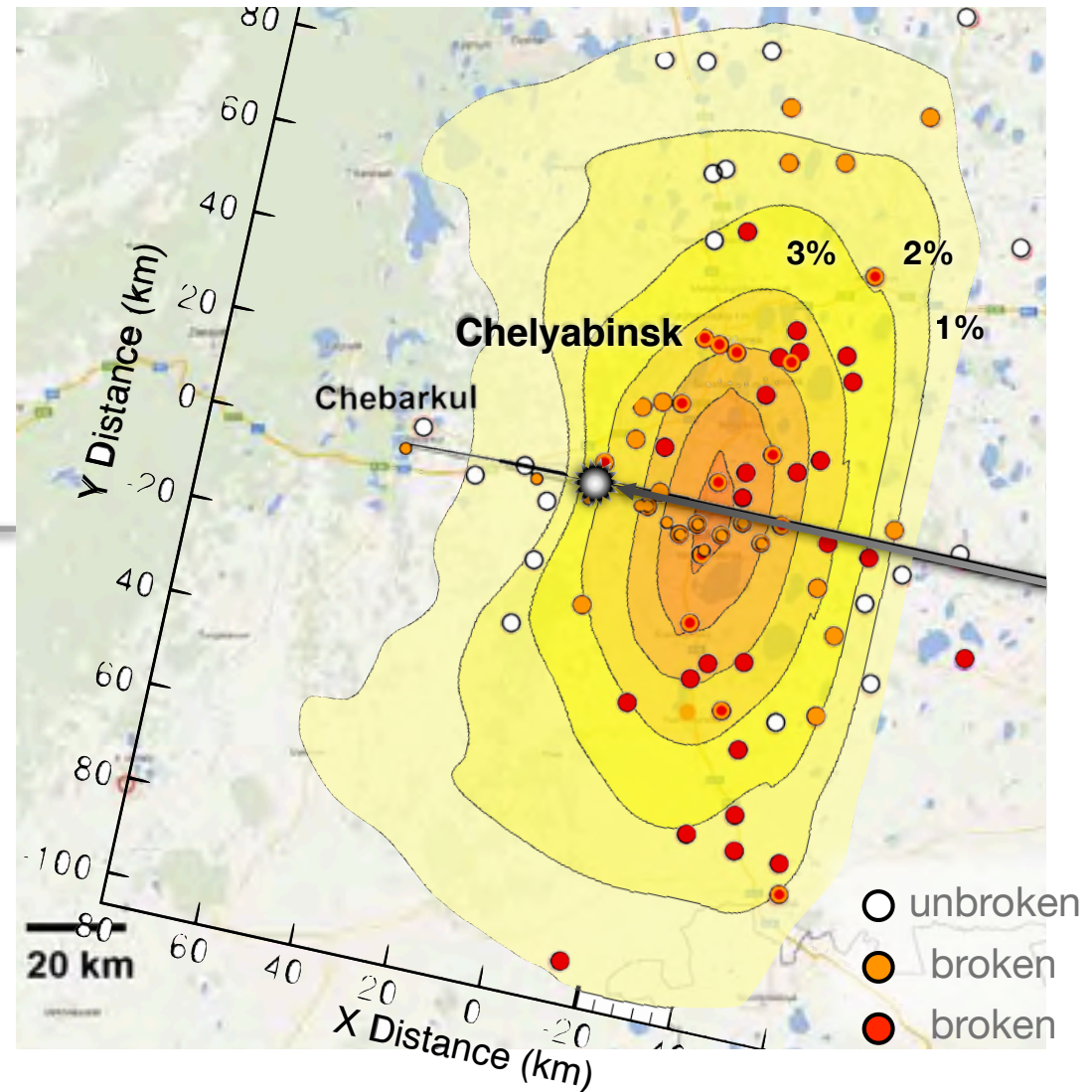


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Peak Ground Overpressures

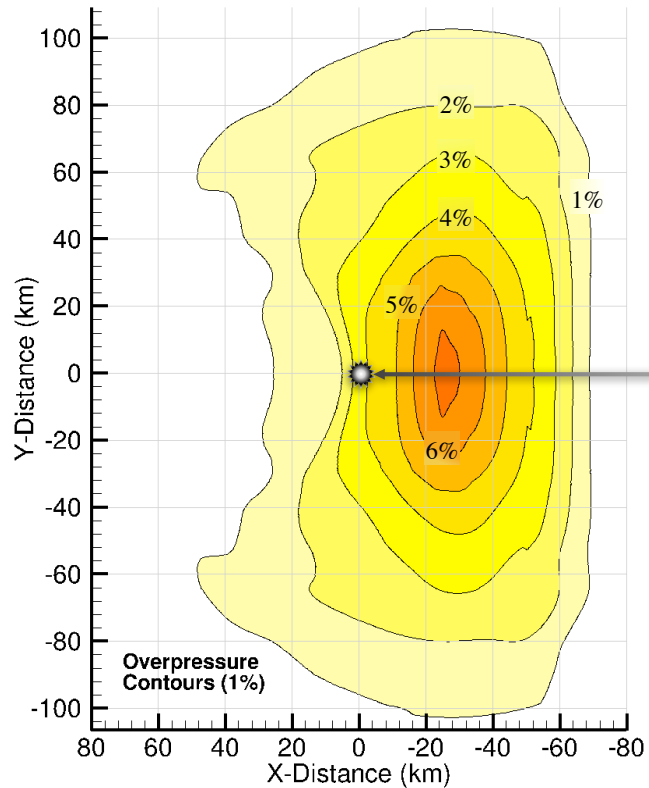


Glass damage data collected by the Chelyabinsk Airburst Consortium

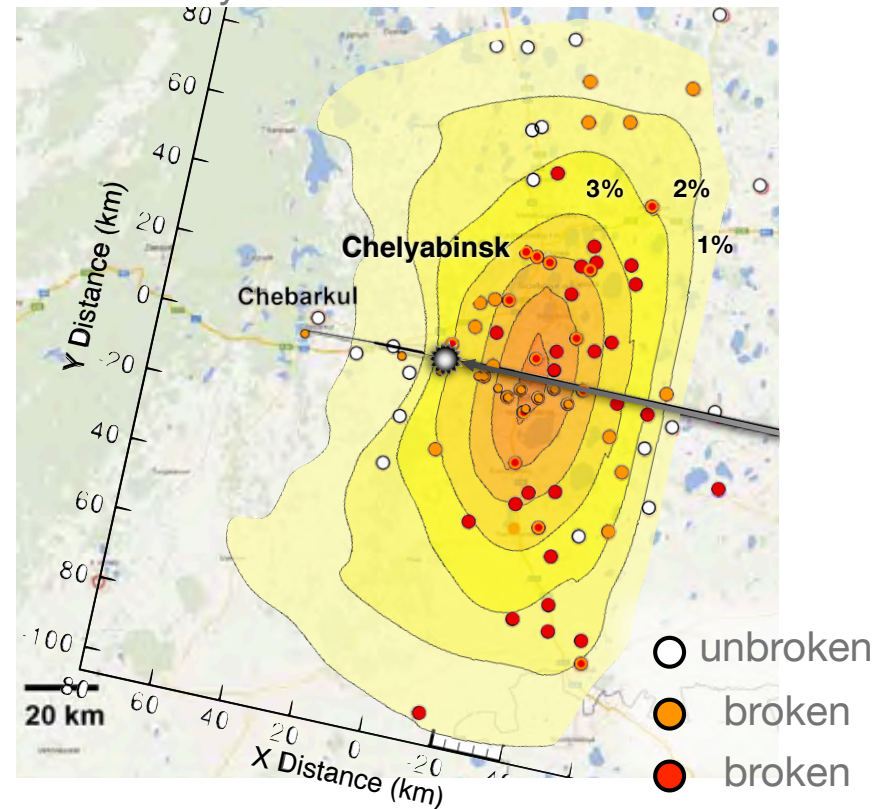


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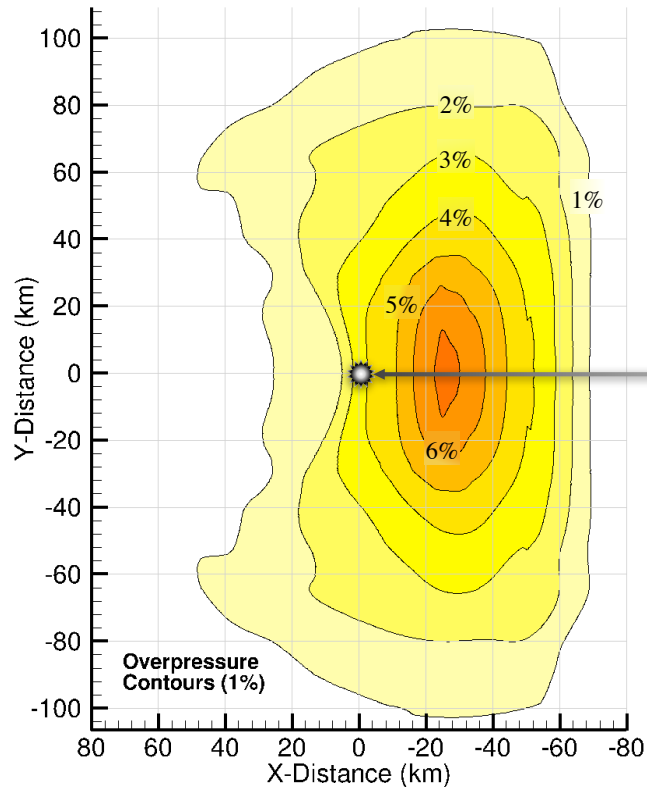


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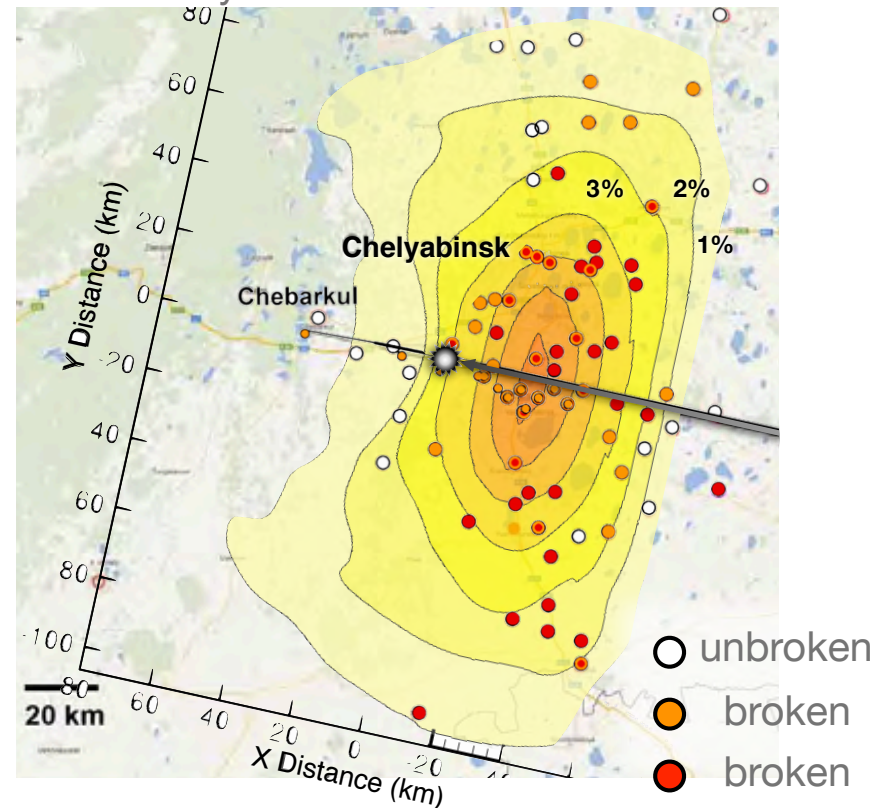


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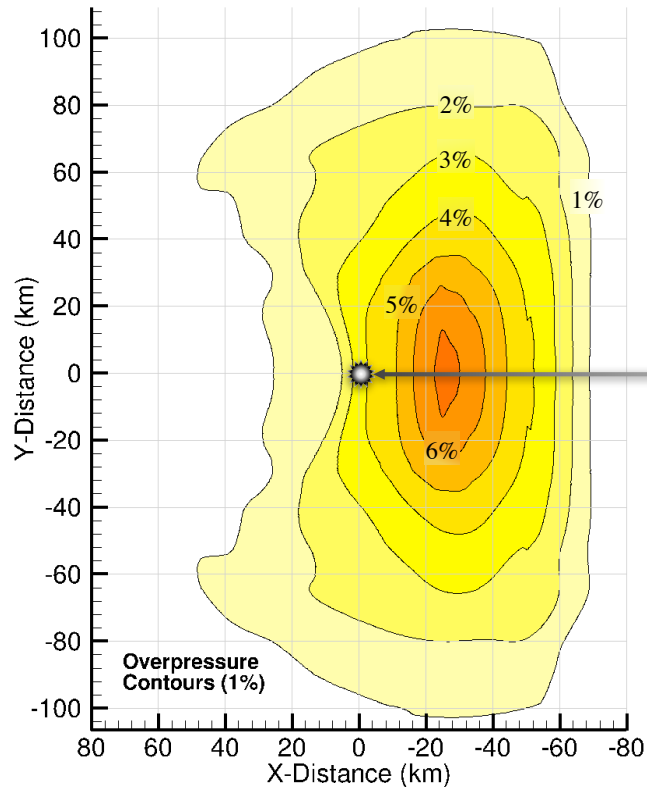
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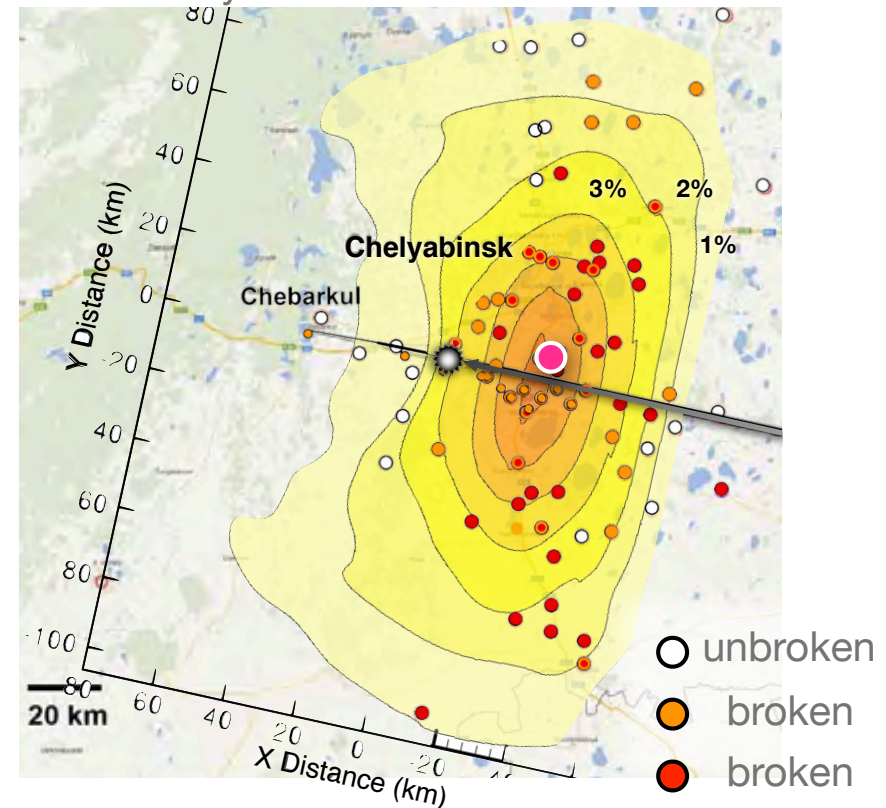
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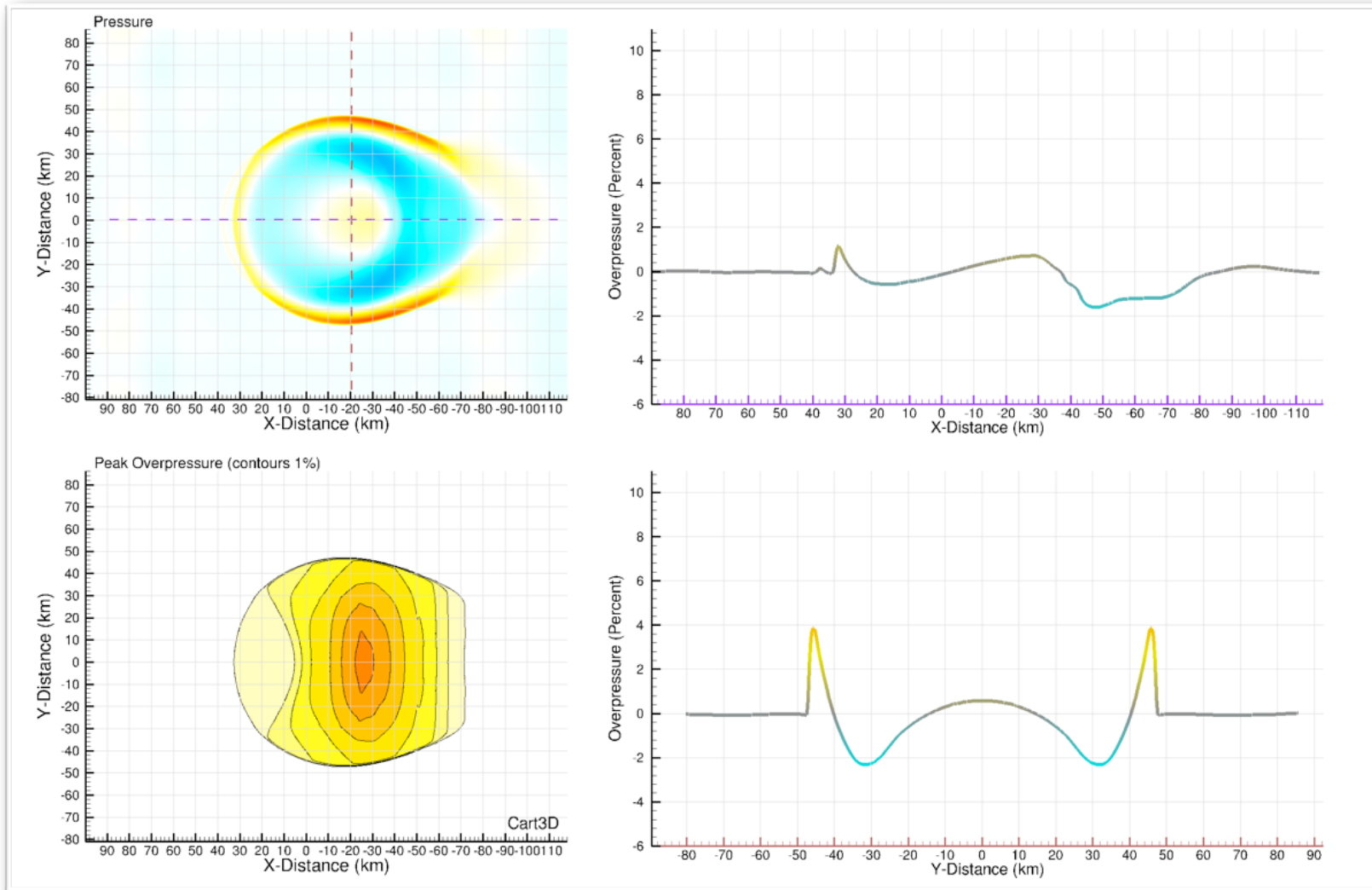
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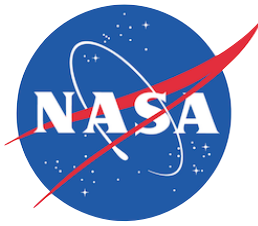


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- Korkino had highest injury per capita, located 6-7 km from highest predicted overpressure
- Best estimate for overpressure at Chelyabinsk from data ~2-4% (P. Brown, UWO)
- Footprint similar to those in Popova et al. (ScienceExpress)

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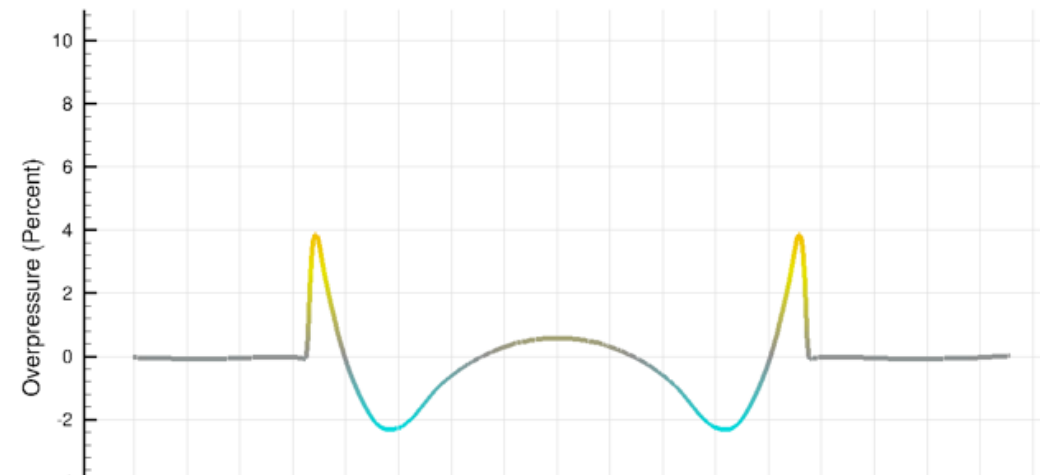
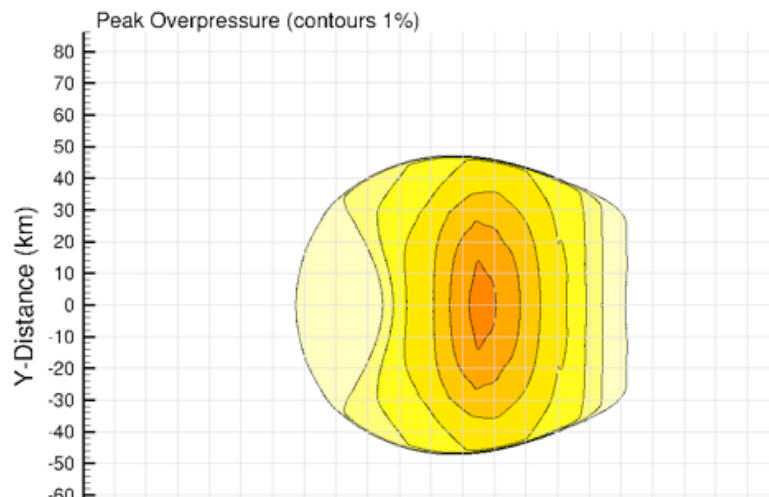
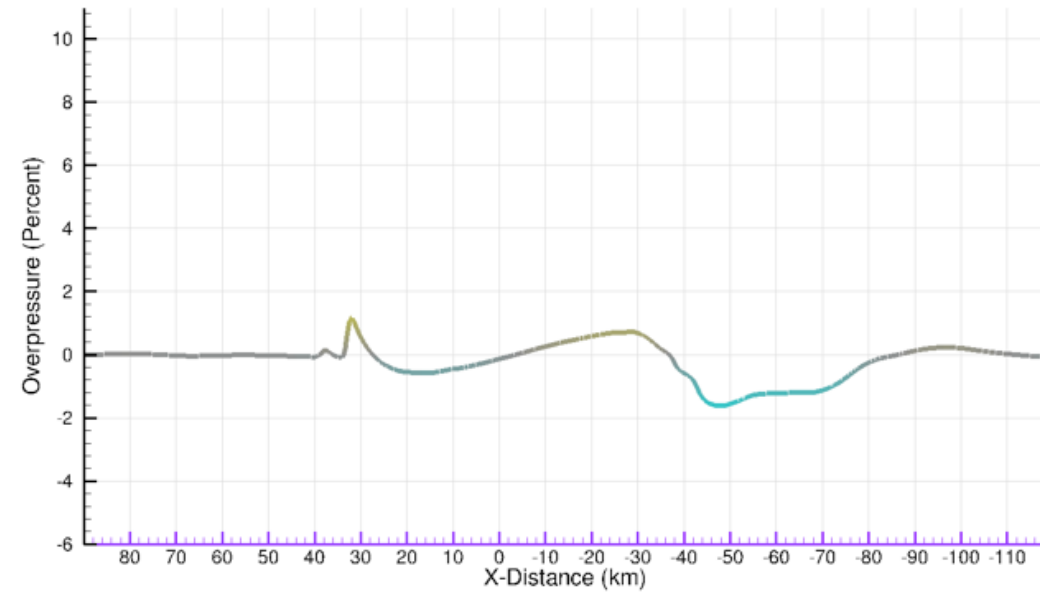
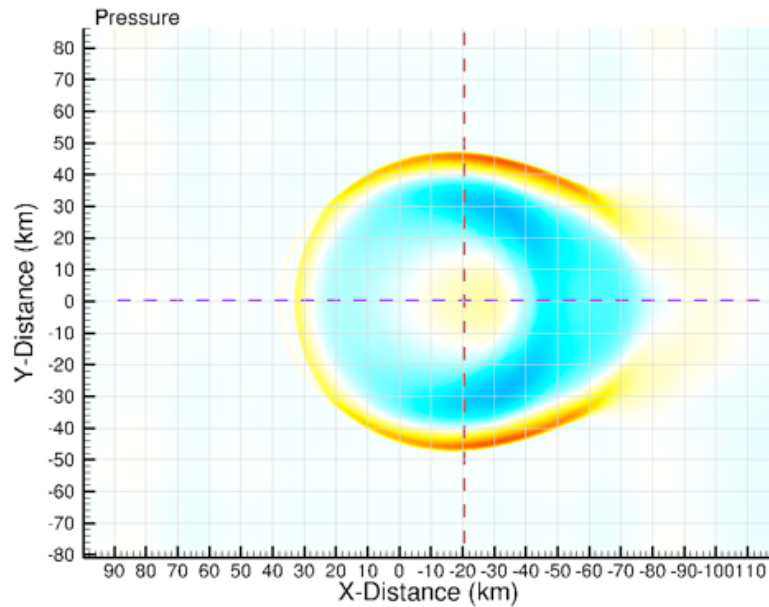
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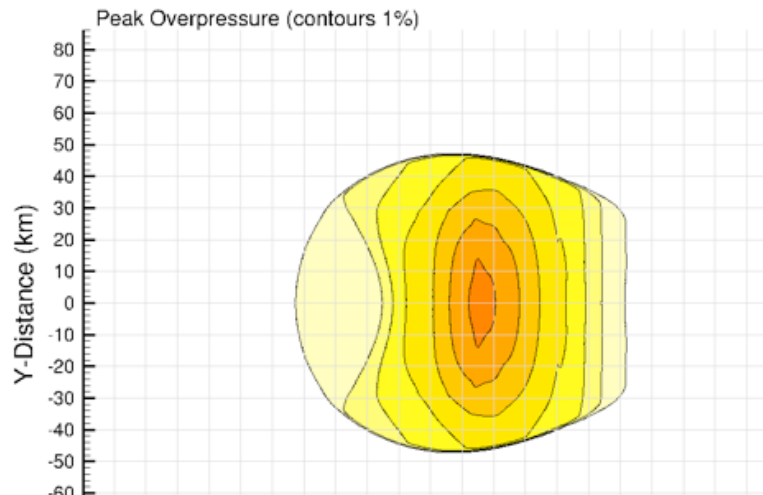
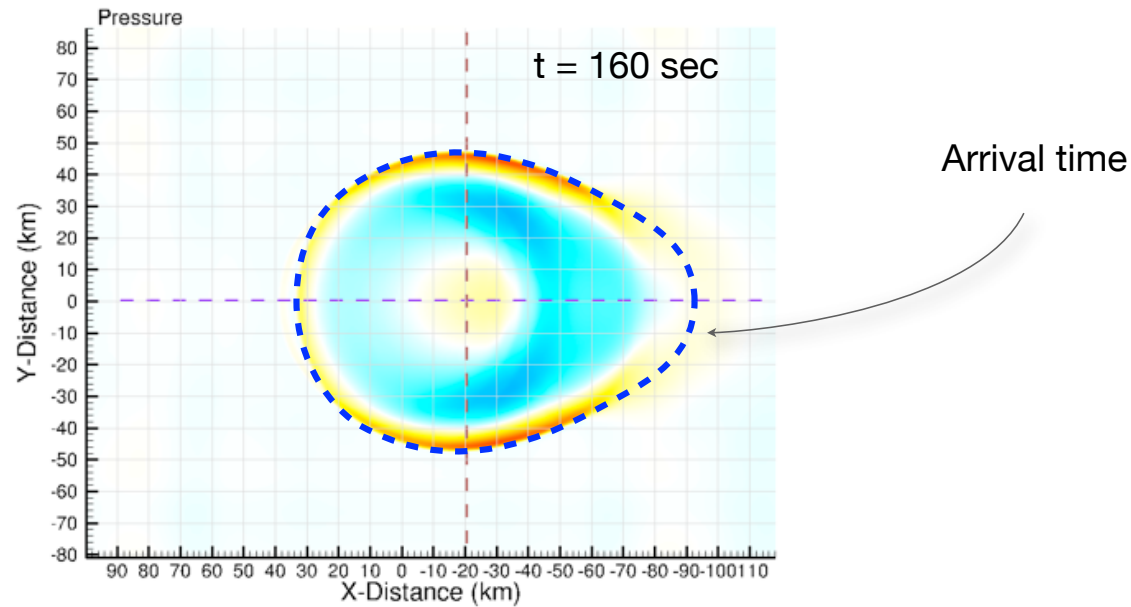
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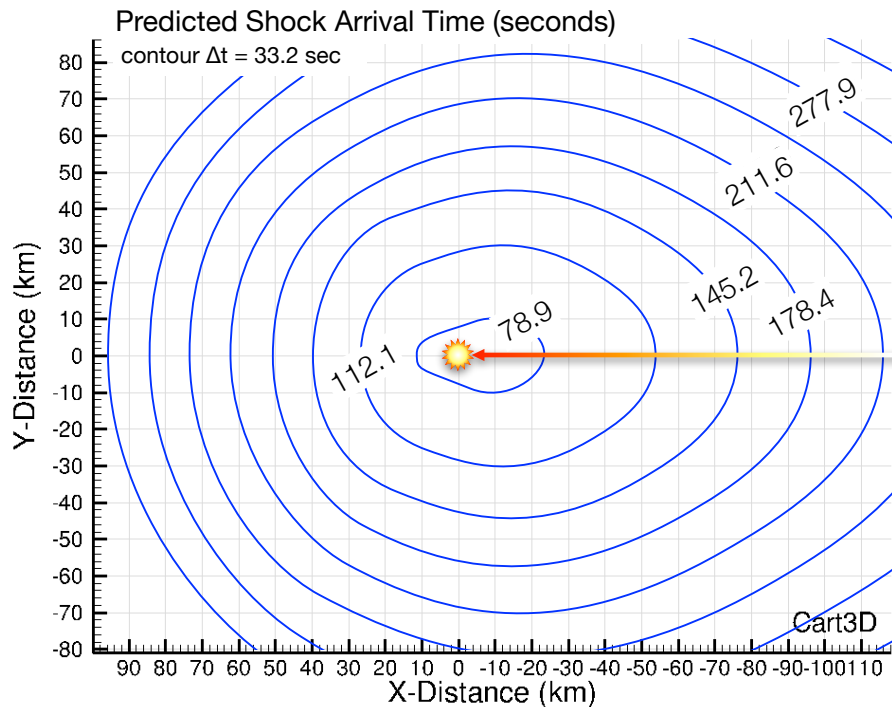
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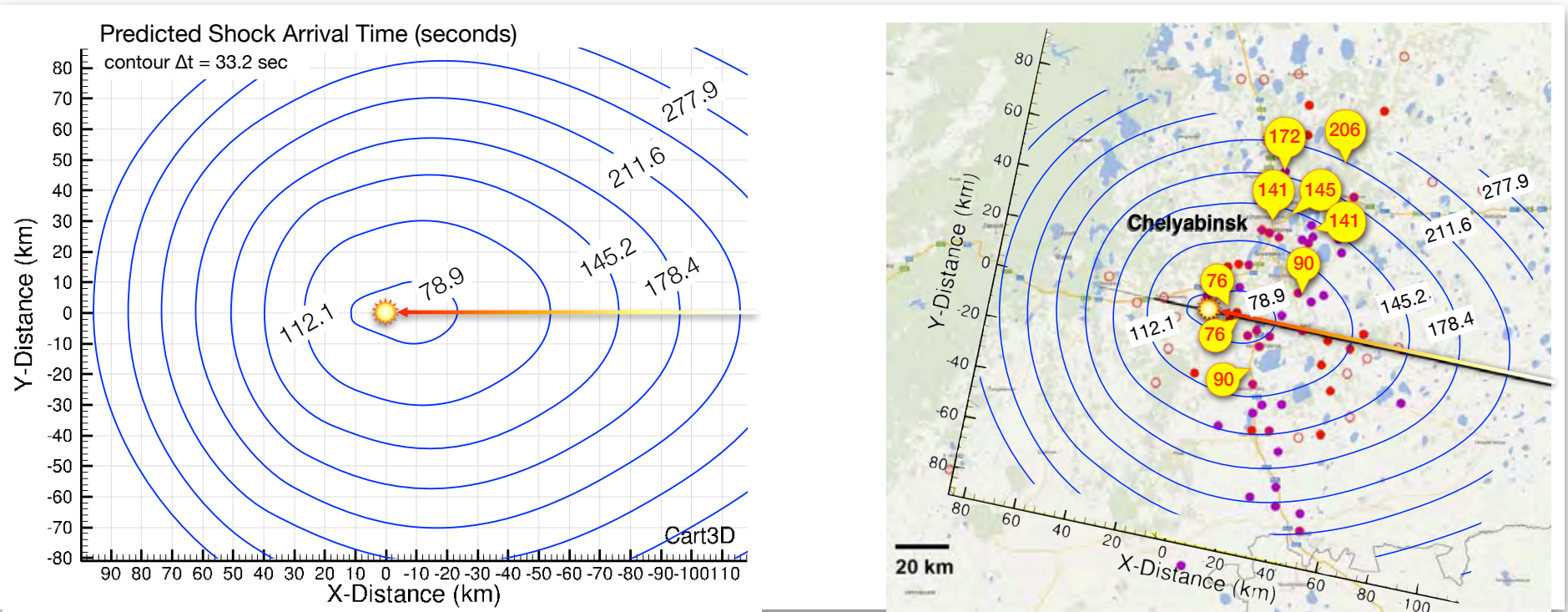
Blast arrival time data

- Mostly from video evidence
- Quite reliable since many have time data synchronized through internet/cell-service or the flash from peak brightness

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Shock Arrival Time

Elapsed Time (sec) from peak brightness

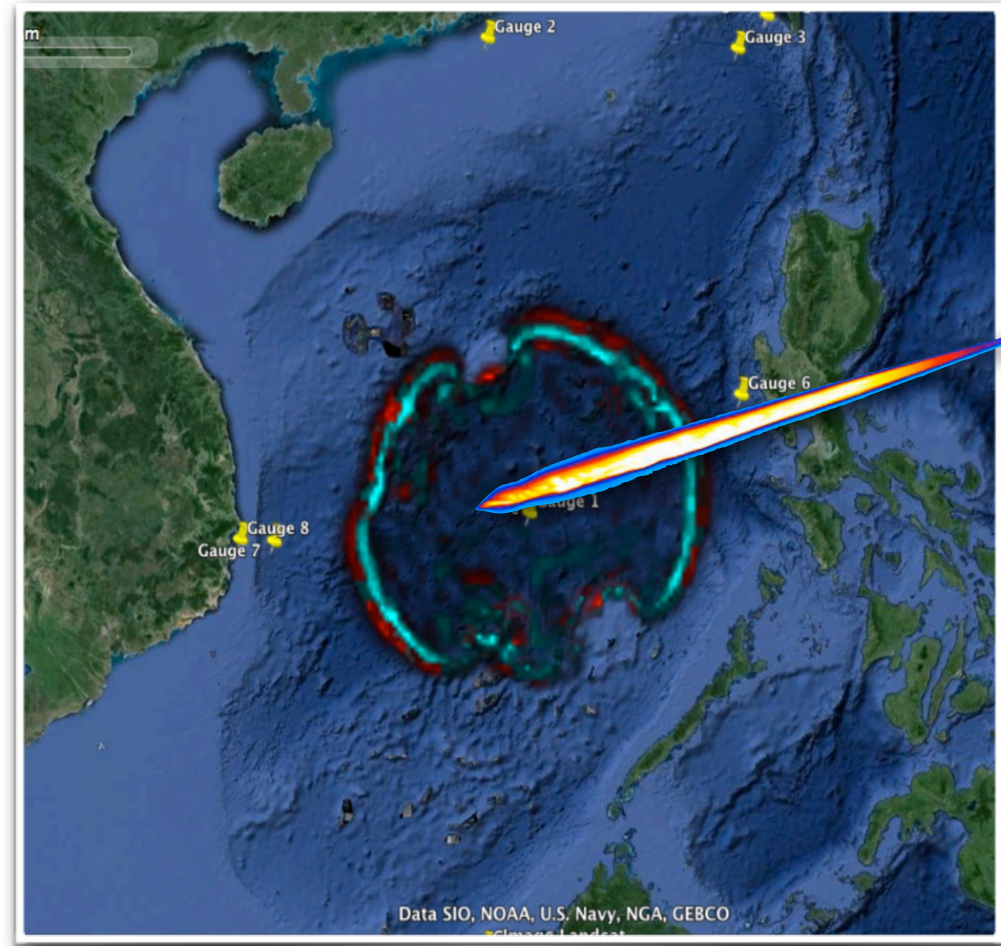


- First arrival at ~77 sec after peak brightness,
- Predict ~90 sec (from peak brightness) at Korkino and Yemanzhelinsk
- Arrival in vicinity of Chelyabinsk at 140 - 145 seconds
- Neglected local wind, temperature and other effects of the real atmosphere
- Overall very good agreement with data & best predictions in literature

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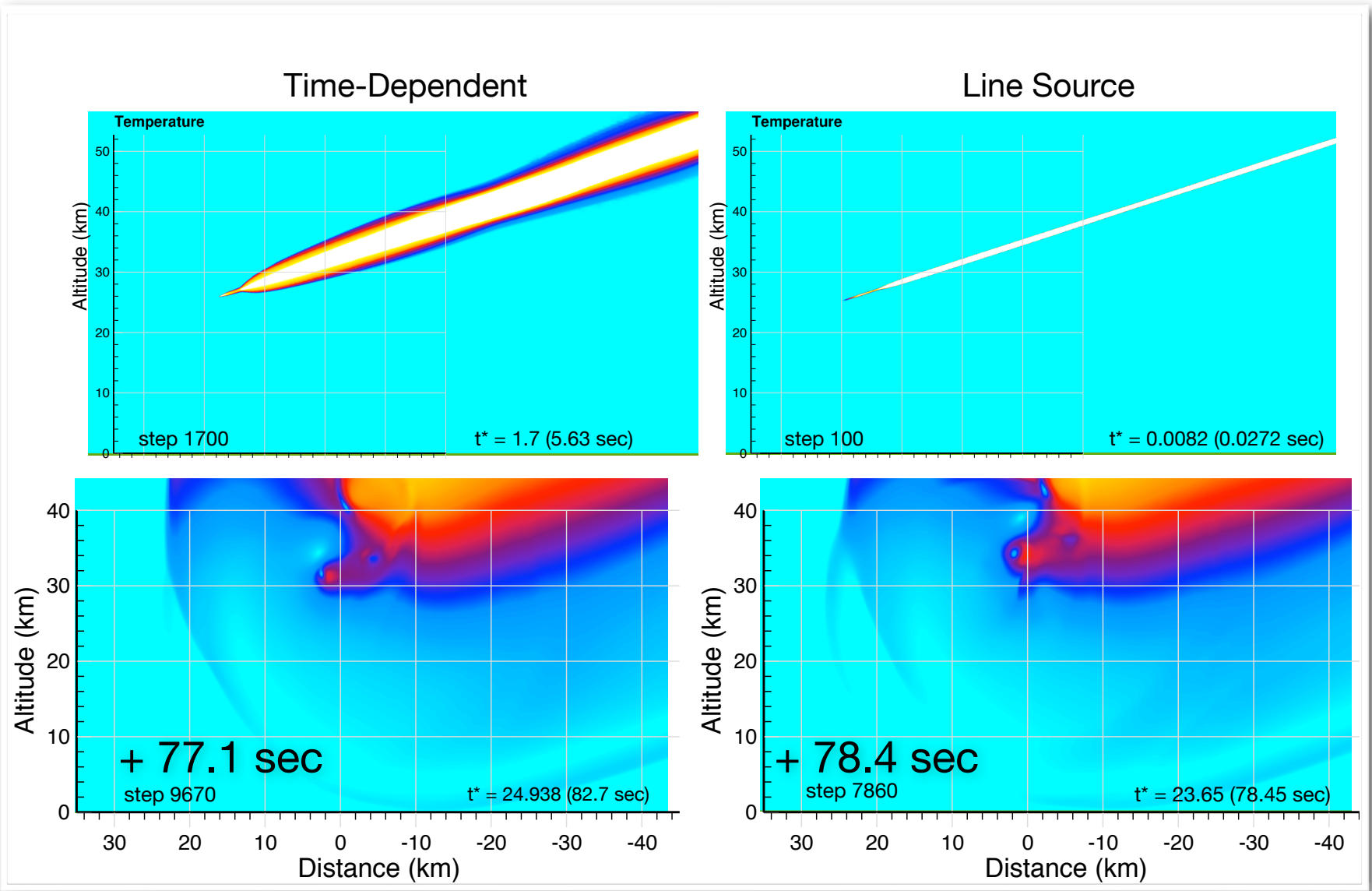
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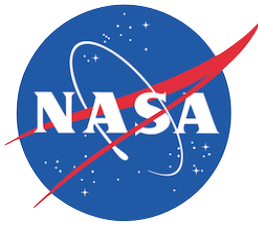
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Sensitivity - Entry Modeling

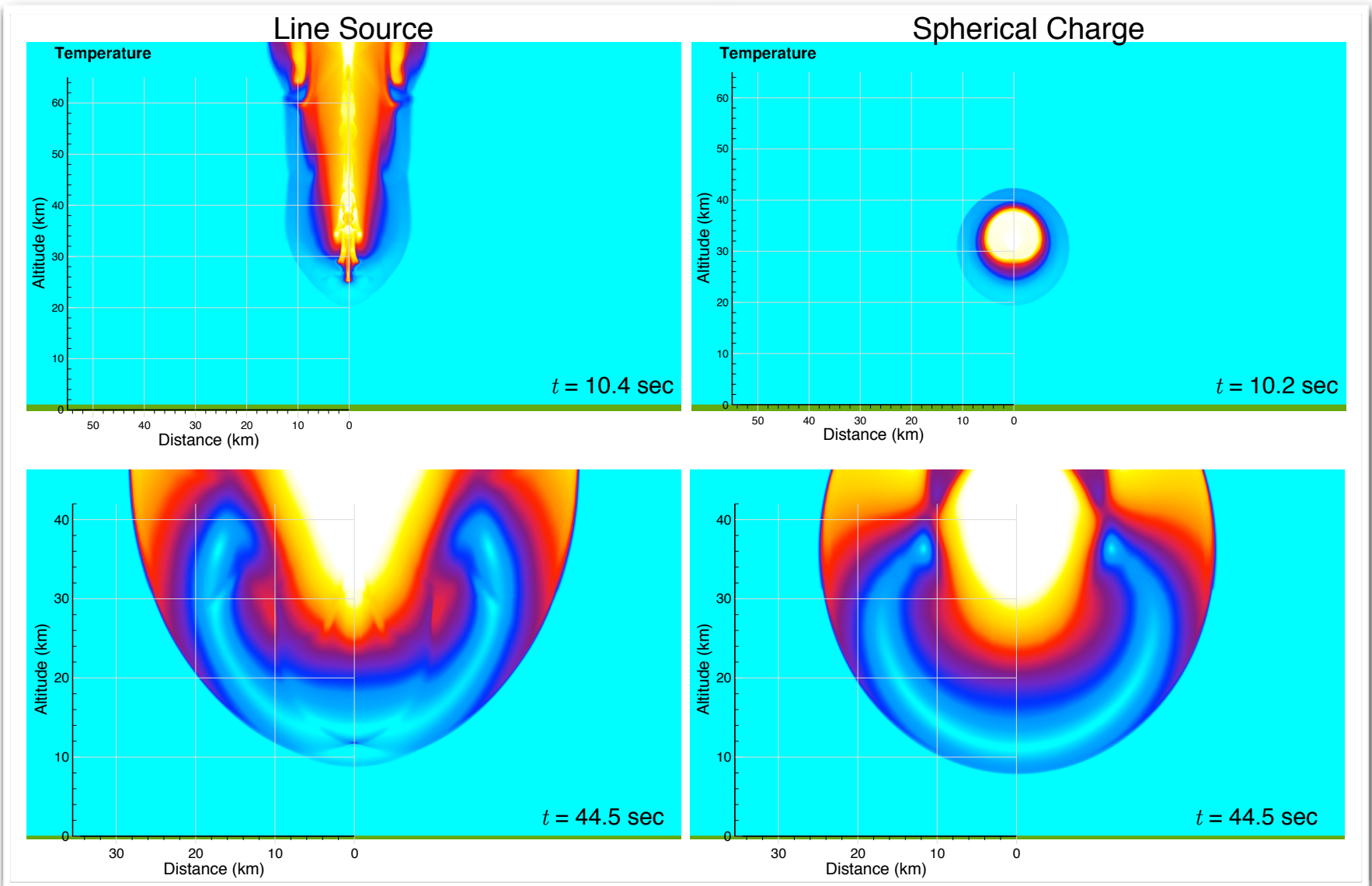
Time-dependent vs line source – See AIAA 2016-0998...





Sensitivity - 90° Entry vs Spherical Charge

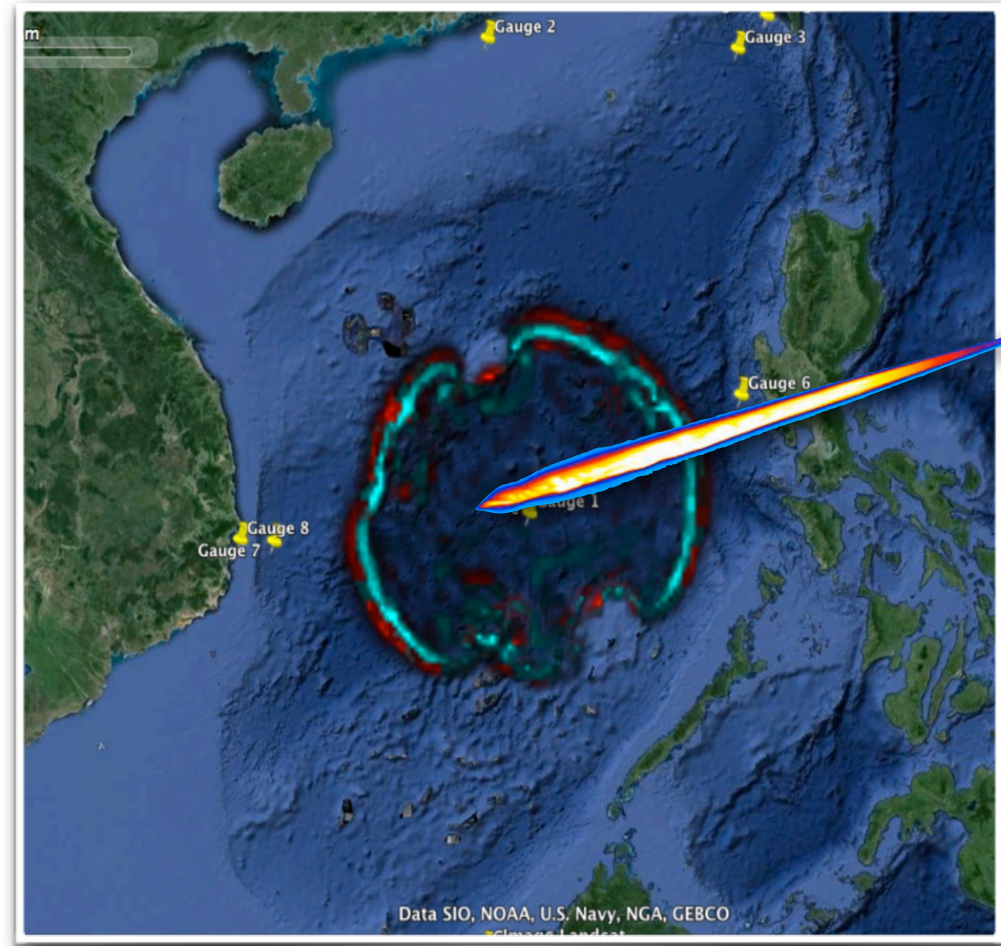
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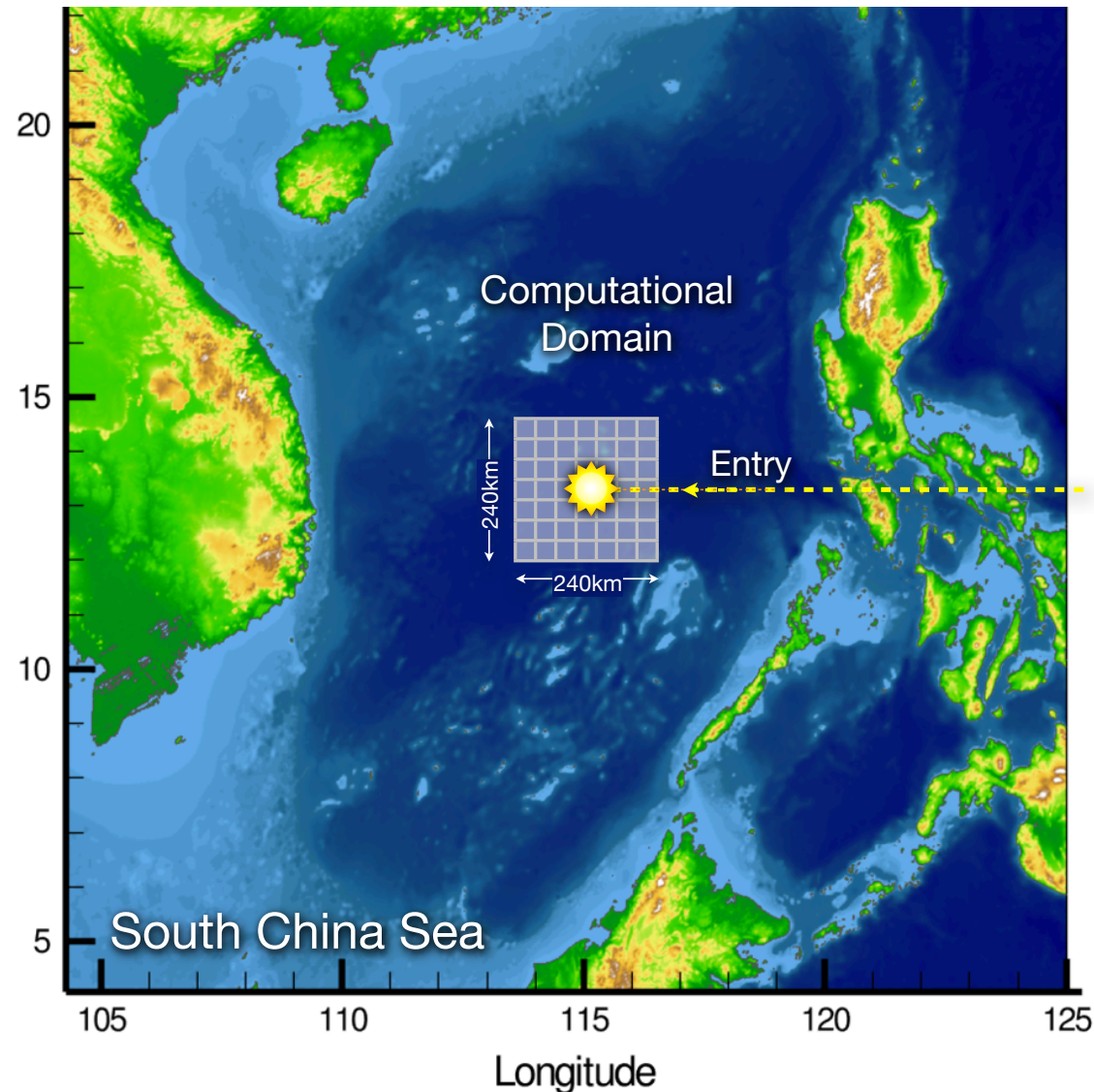


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Preliminary Effort on Tsunami Coupling

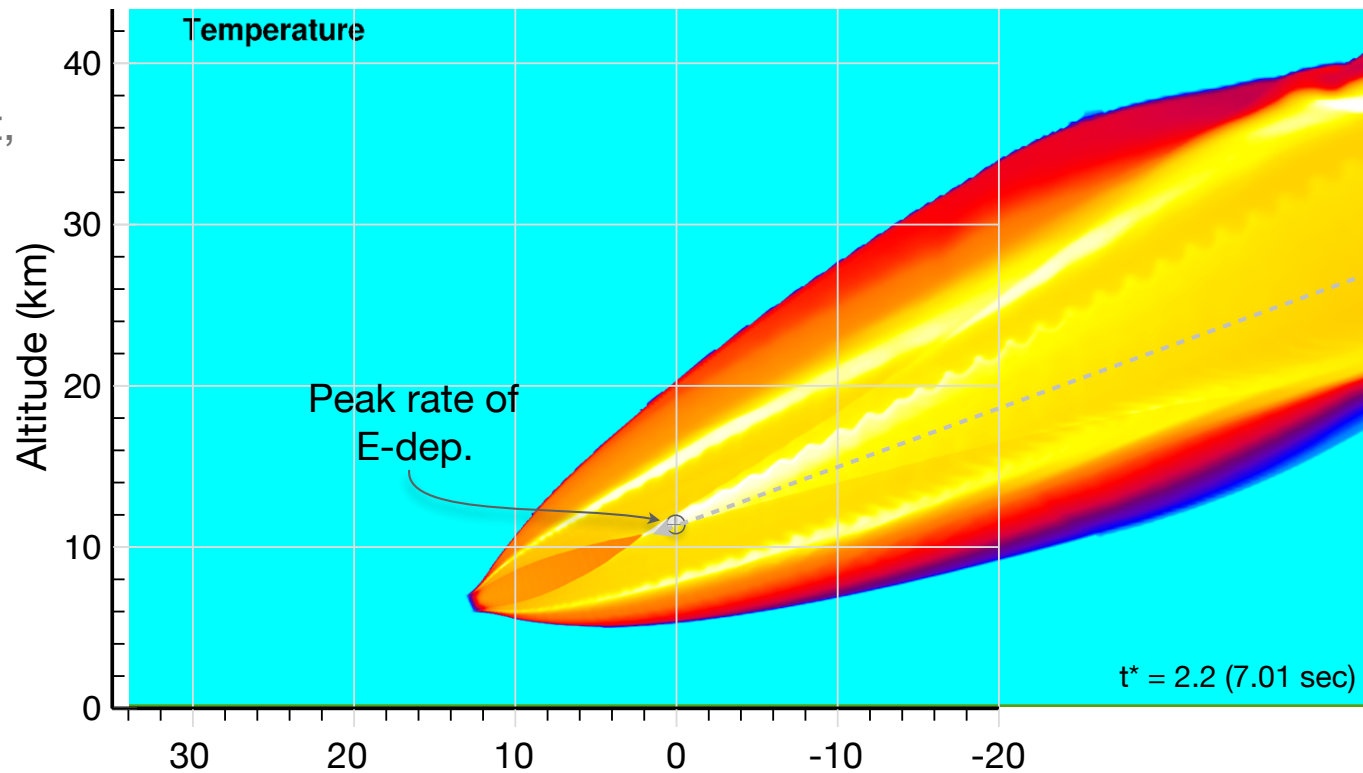
Couple surface overpressure and wind to drive ocean surface

- Entry over water may trigger tsunami
- Risk – tsunami can turn a regional event into a global catastrophe
- Scales:
 - Meteor entry - seconds
 - Air Propagation - minutes
 - Tsunami Propagation - hours
- Workshop planned for Aug. 2016 aimed at quantifying risk
- Preliminary results



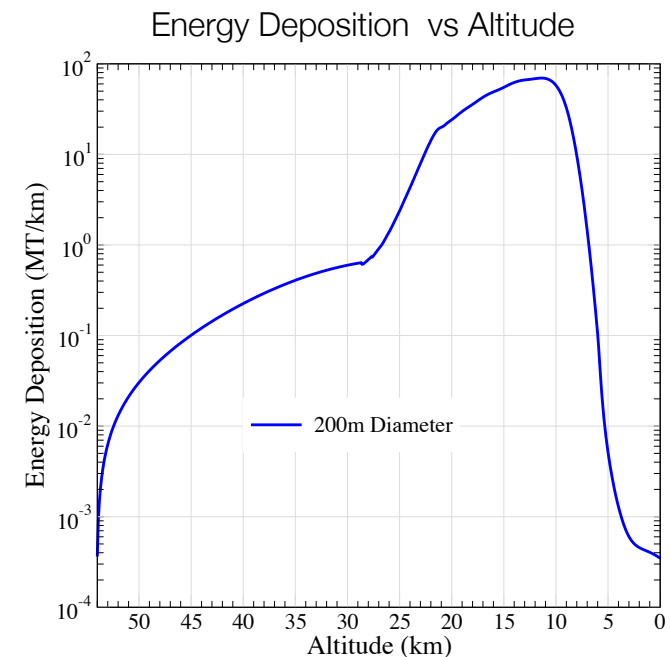
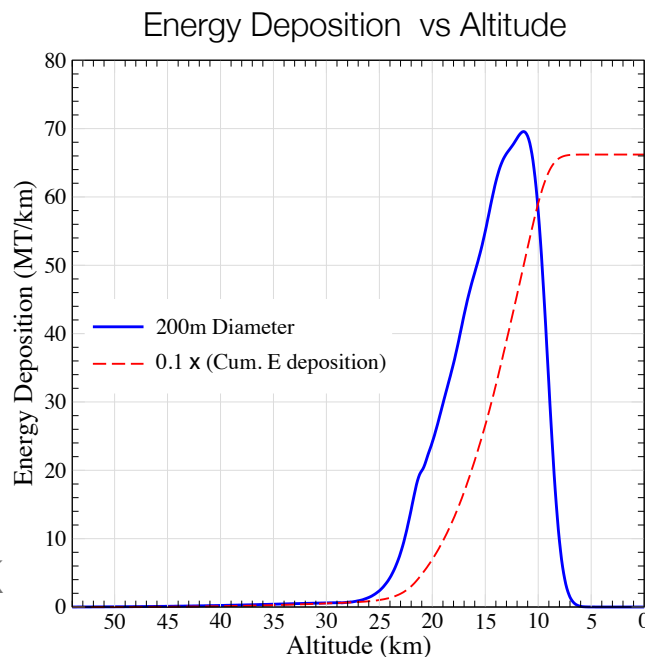
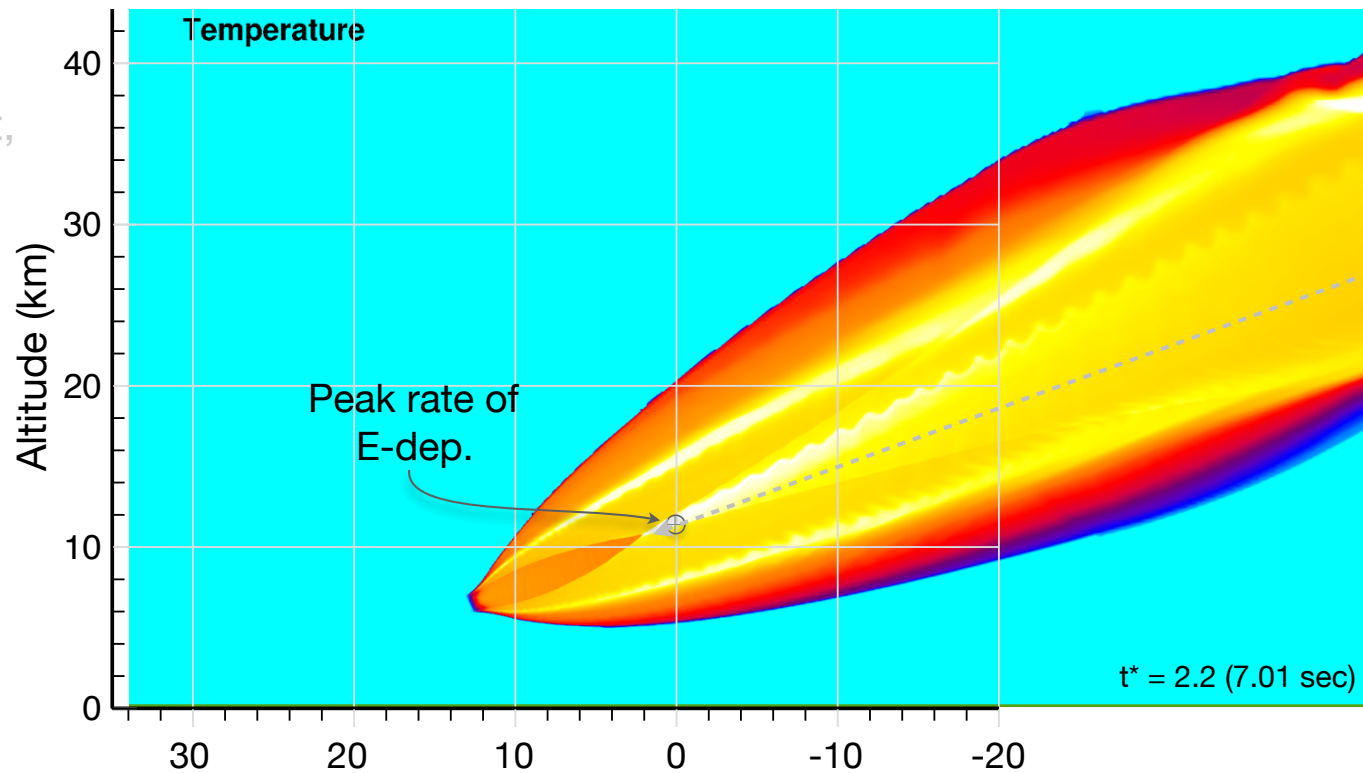
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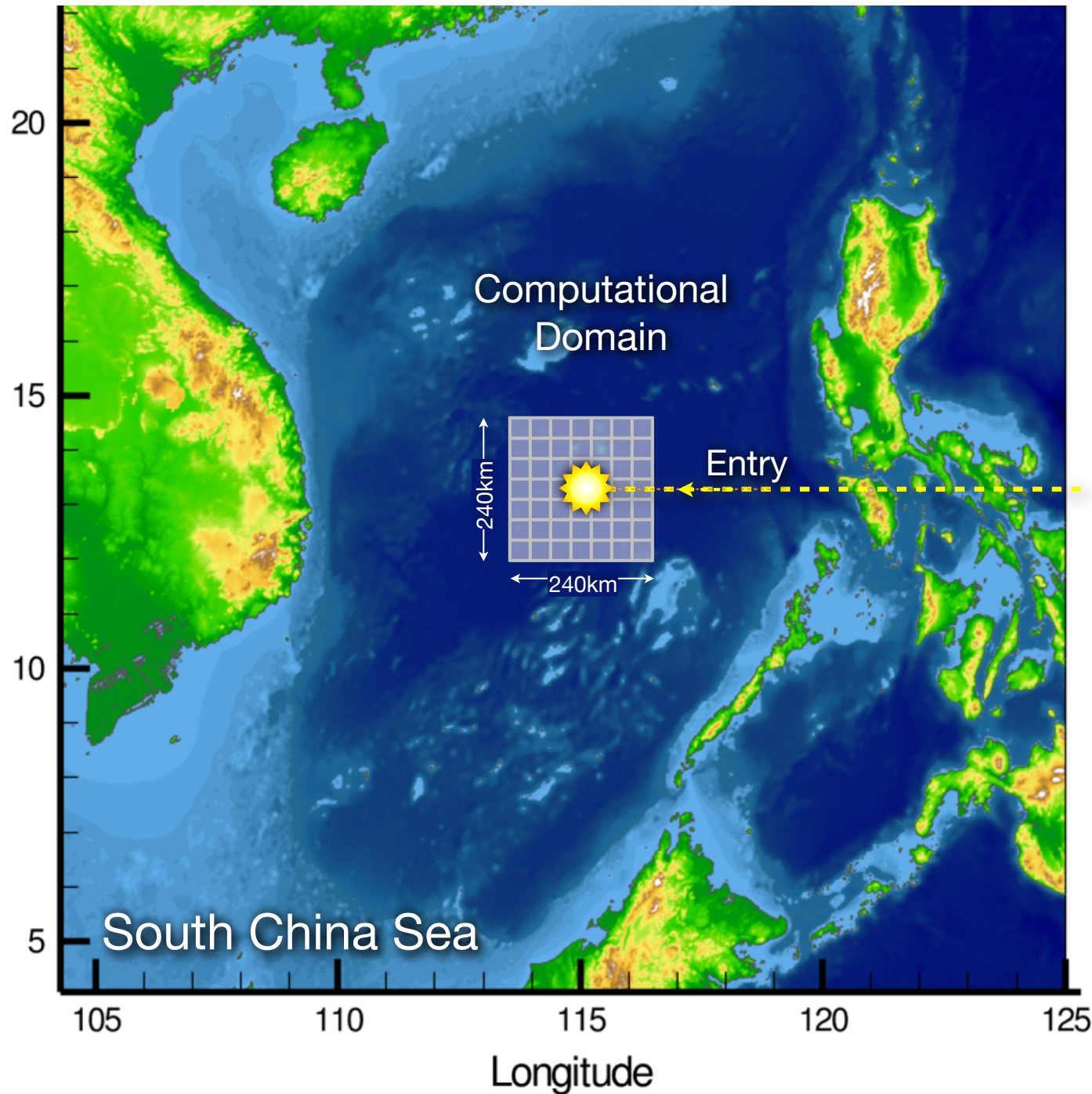
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 (34,000 ft)
- Some mass survives to
 ground ($\sim 0.4 \text{ kT/km}$)
- Isothermal power-law
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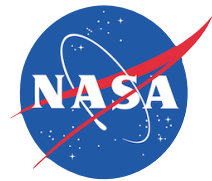
Far-Field Propagation

South China Sea

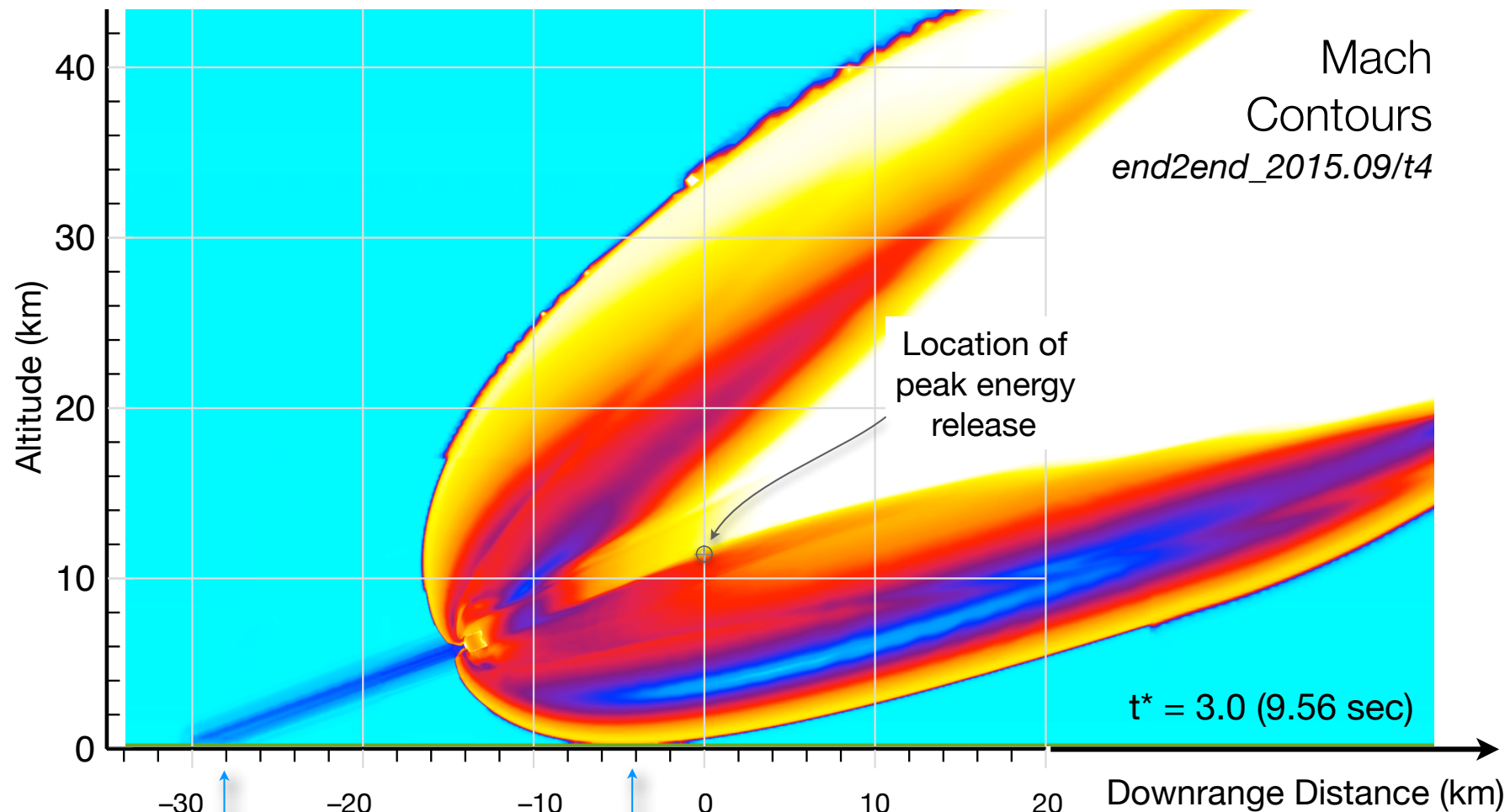
- Domain Extent:
240 x 240 x 80 km high
~58,000 km² of surface
- ~105 M total cells
- 20 m resolution along trajectory,
- 80 m resolution at sea level
- 3D time-dependent simulations using Cart3D
- Resources
(1000 cores x ~12 hrs) on NASA's Pleiades system



Propagation



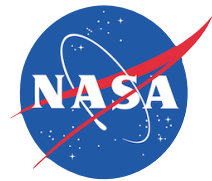
Snapshot at time of first blast wave arrival at sea level
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Remaining fragments
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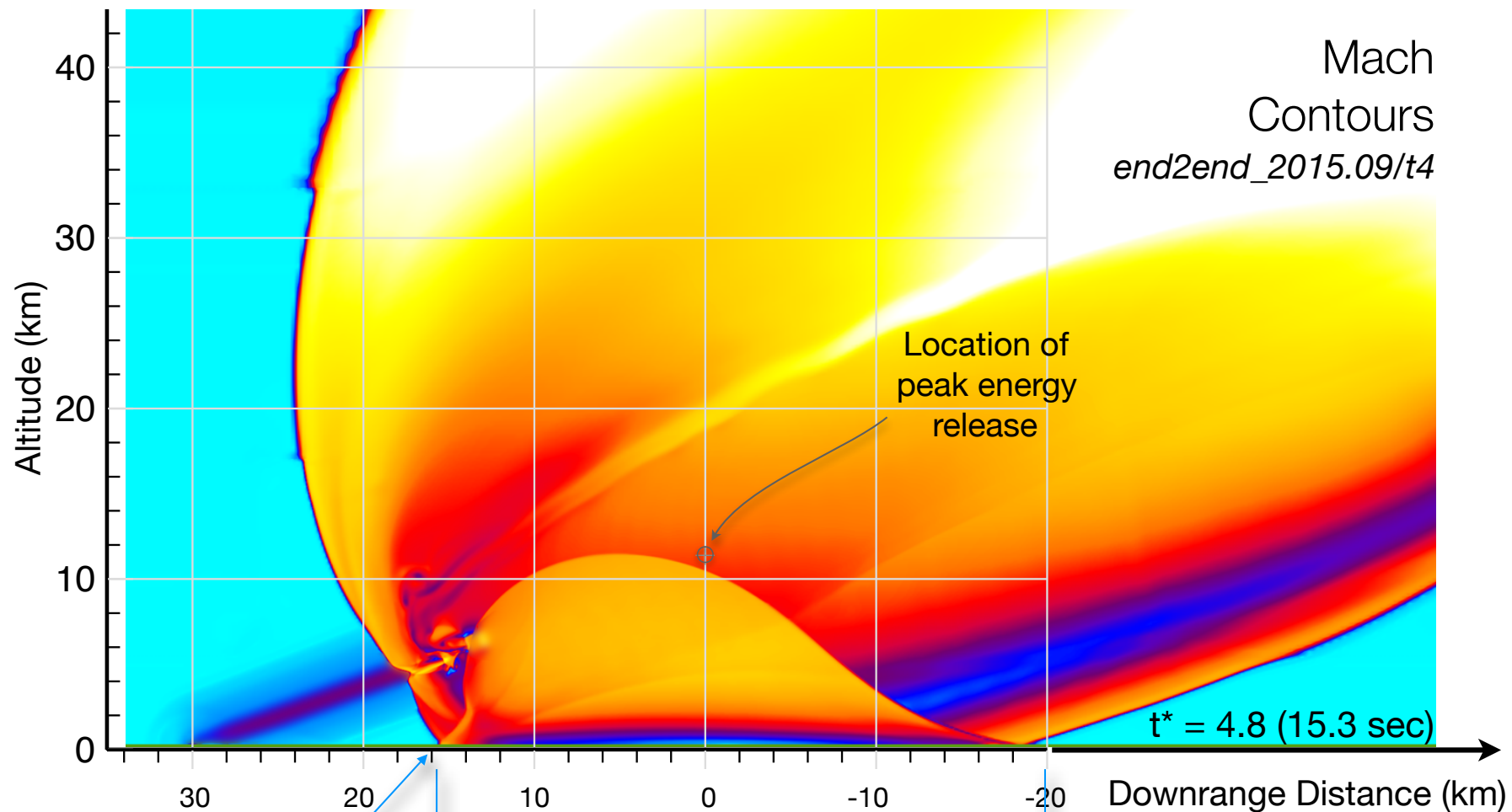
First arrival of blast
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Propagation



Snapshot of Blast Evolution

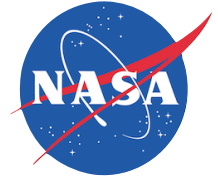
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Mach stem forms in
downrange and
crossflow directions

Blast covers over
 1000 km^2 10 seconds
after peak brightness

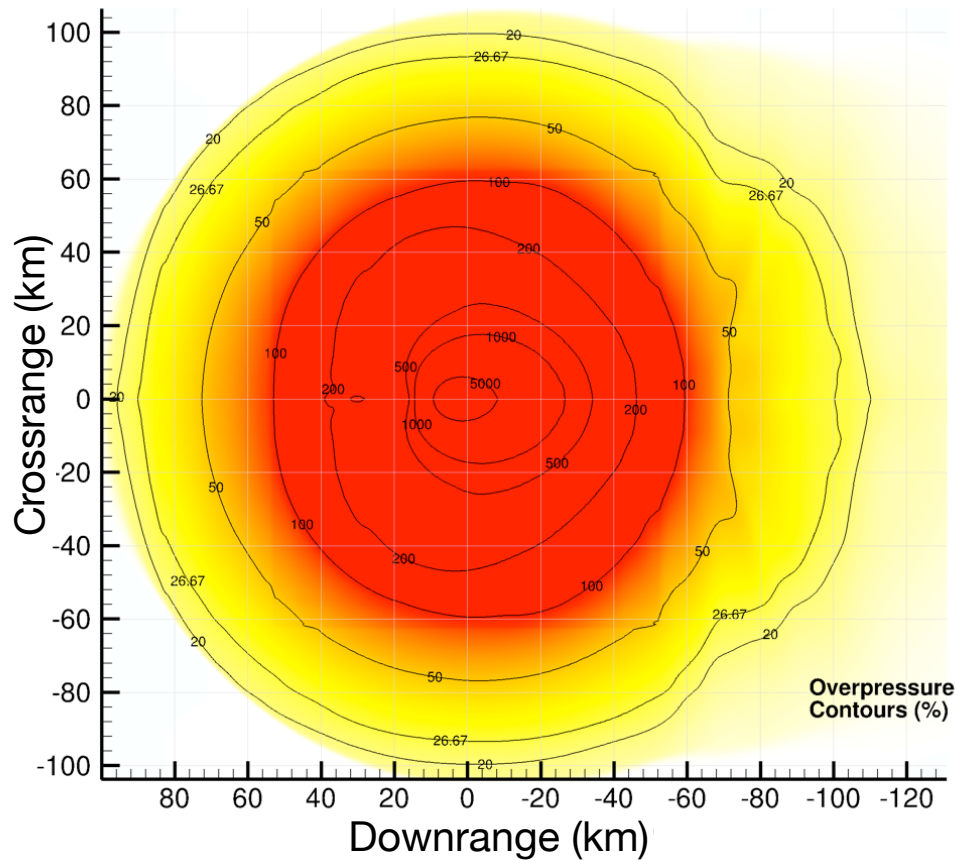
Ground Overpressure



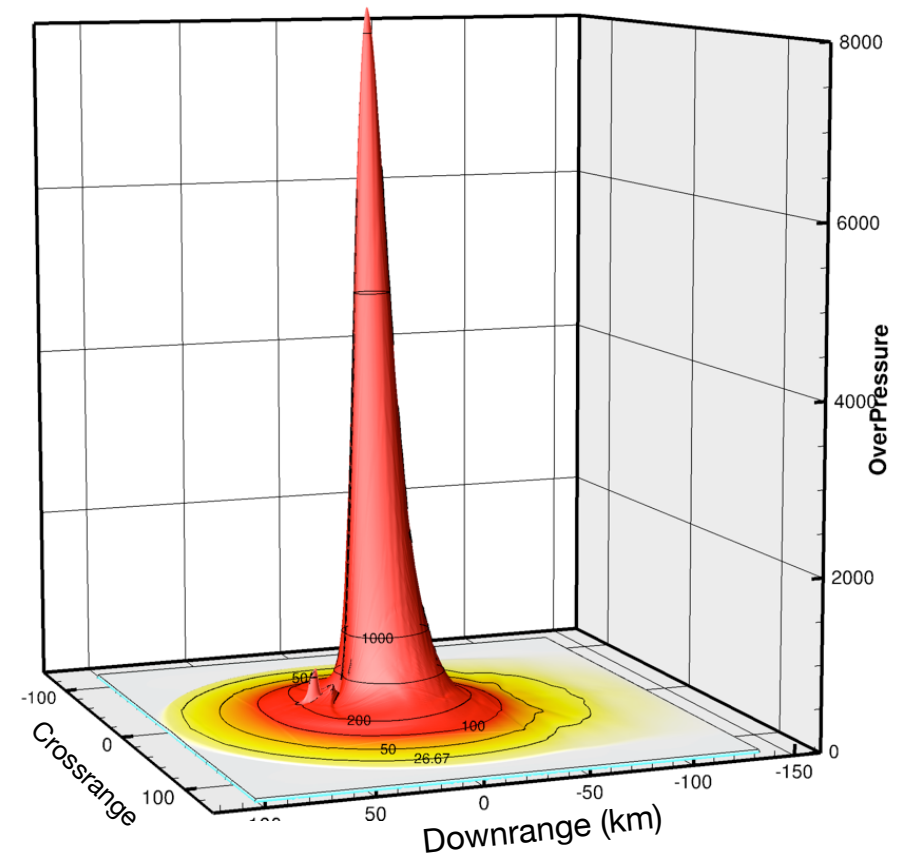
Recording of Peak Overpressure at Sea Level

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Peak Overpressure Footprint



3D View of Peak Overpressure

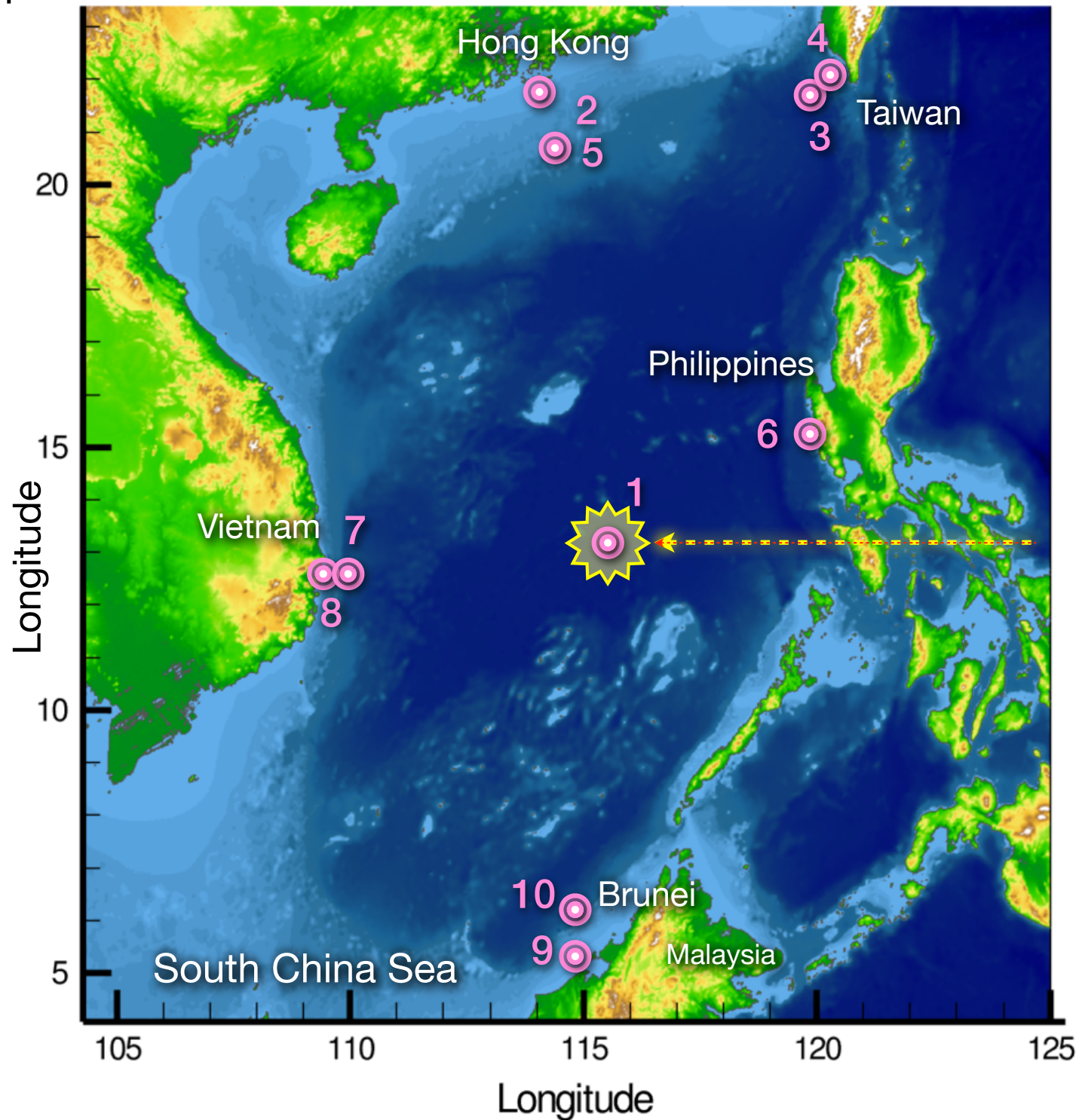


- Roughly circular footprint, roughly centered under location of peak energy release
- Peak overpressure reaches nearly 84 x sea level ambient pressure (84 bar)
- Peak is narrow, however lethal radius (4 psi \approx 26.7% overpressure) extends 80-90km from ground zero, over 28,000 km² (!)

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- Measure wave height & velocity with “gauges” at 9 locations, (●)
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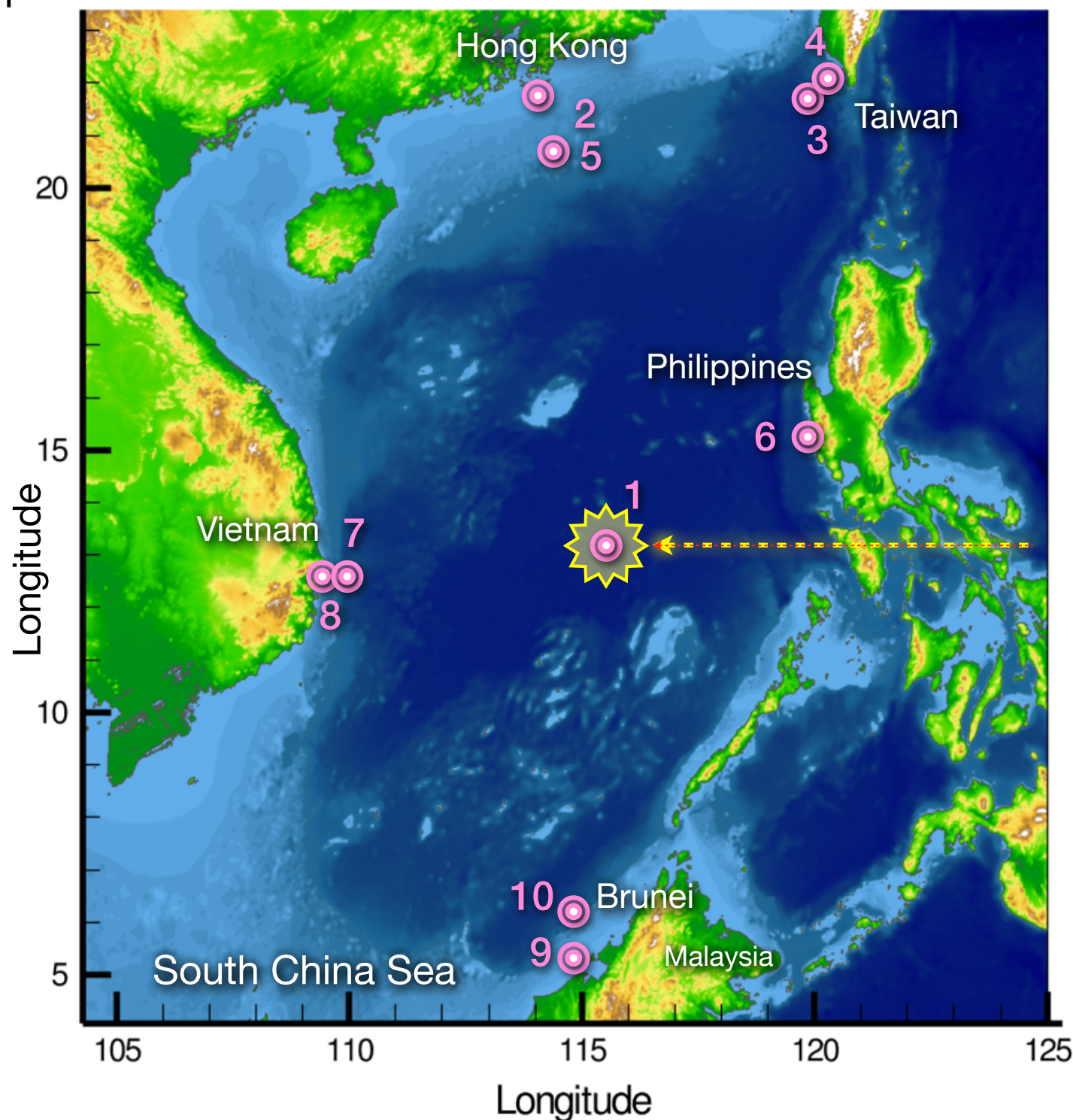
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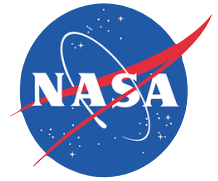
GeoClaw Simulation

- Solve shallow-water equations using AMR for efficiency
- Simulations take ~800 core-hrs
- Time-dependent pressure from far-field propagation drives surface

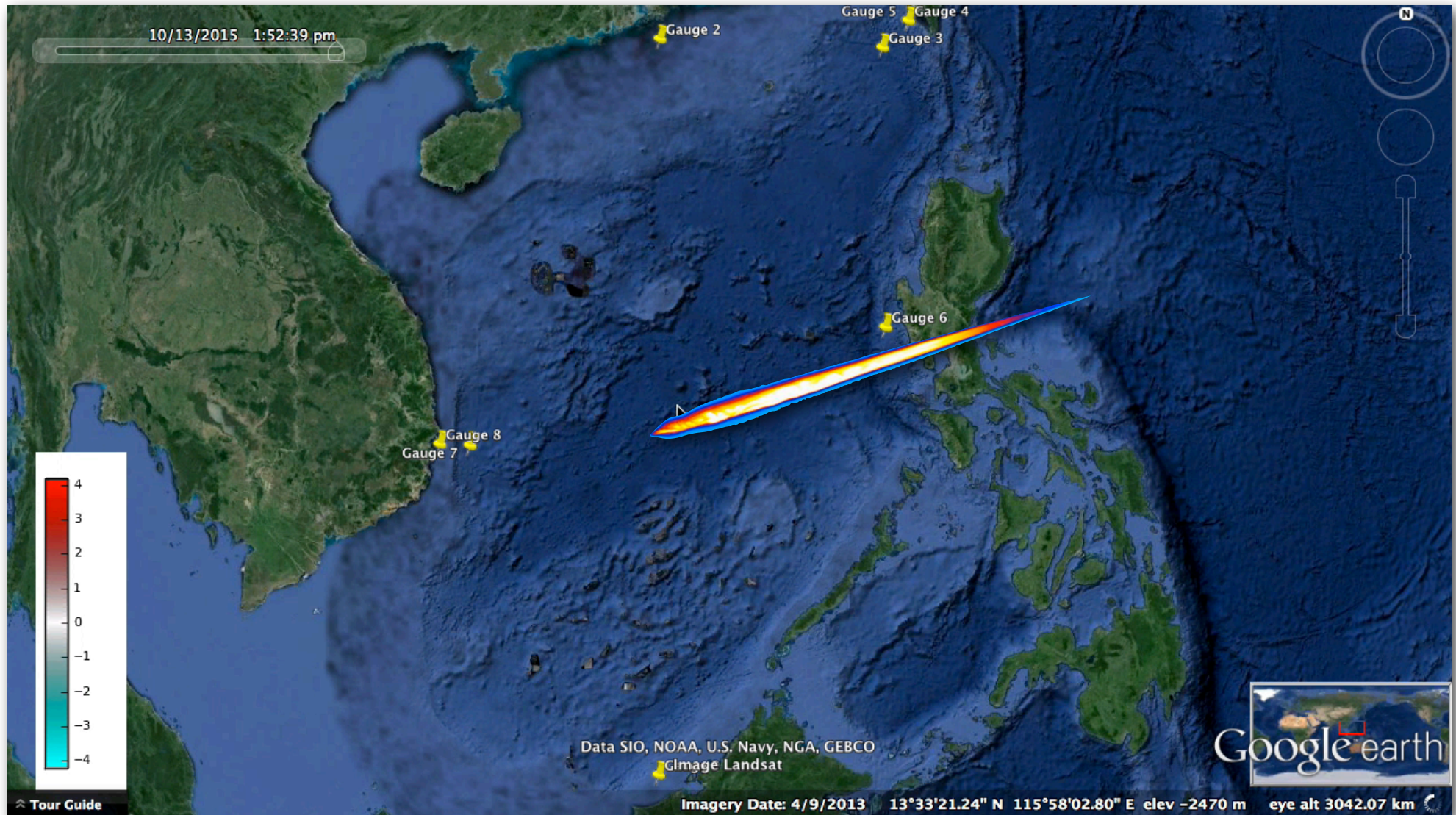


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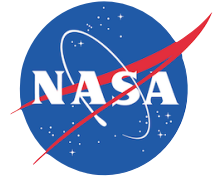


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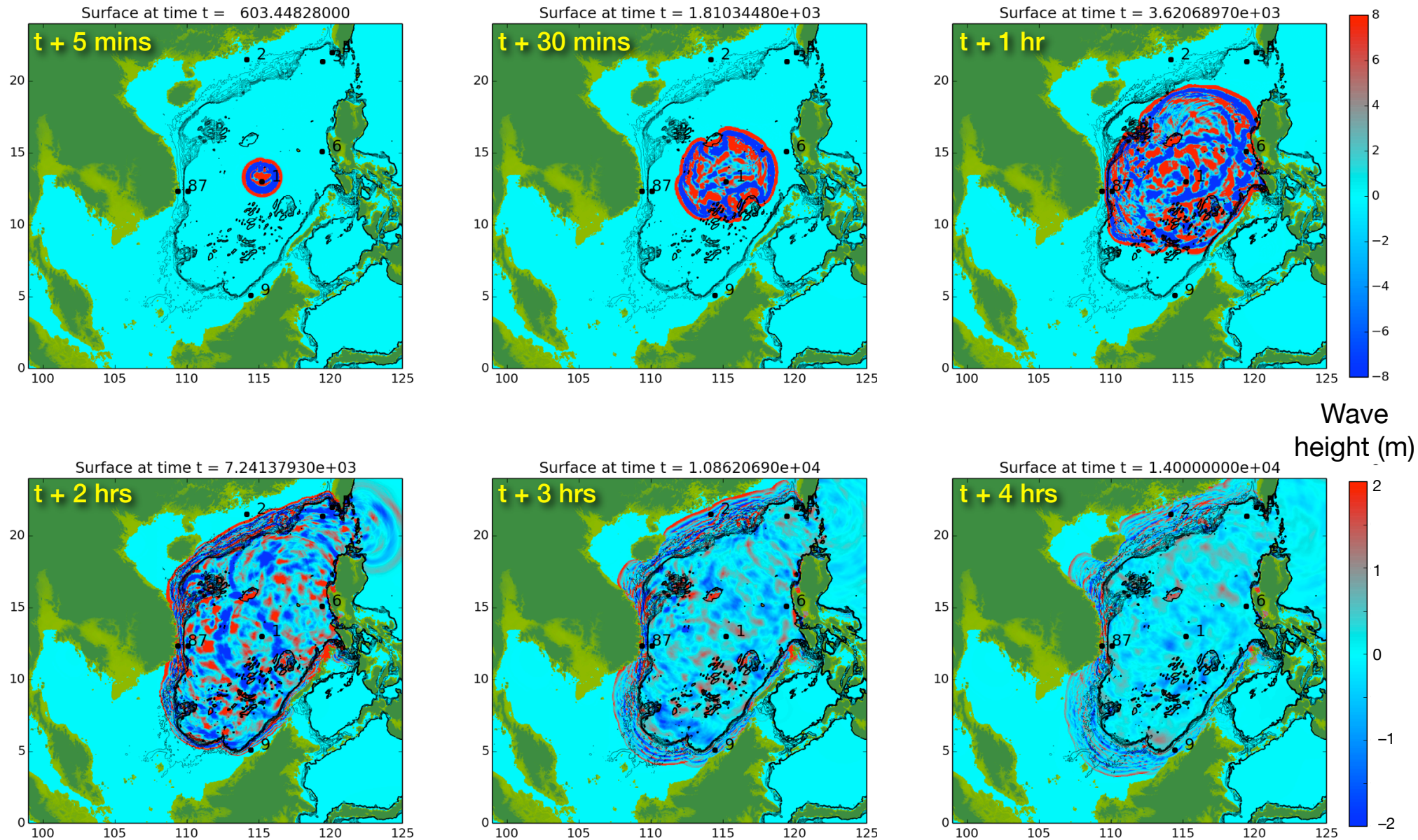
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Water Surface 45 min After Entry

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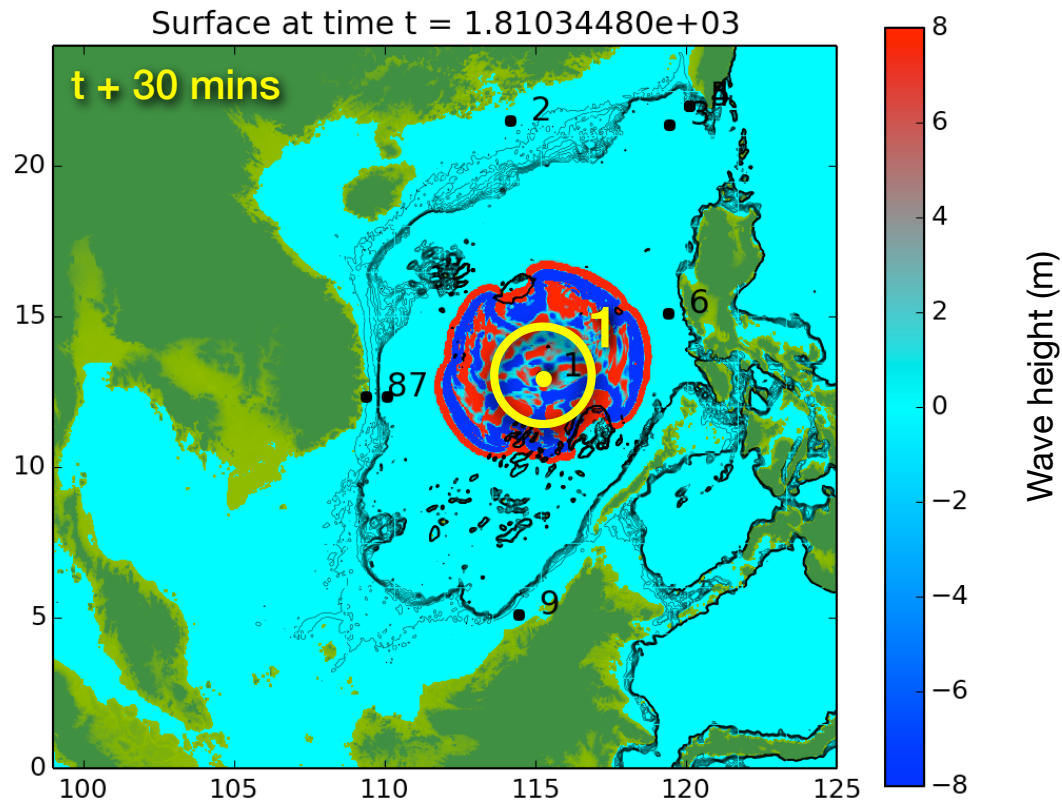


Tsunami Simulation

GeoClaw Simulation with adaptive mesh refinement

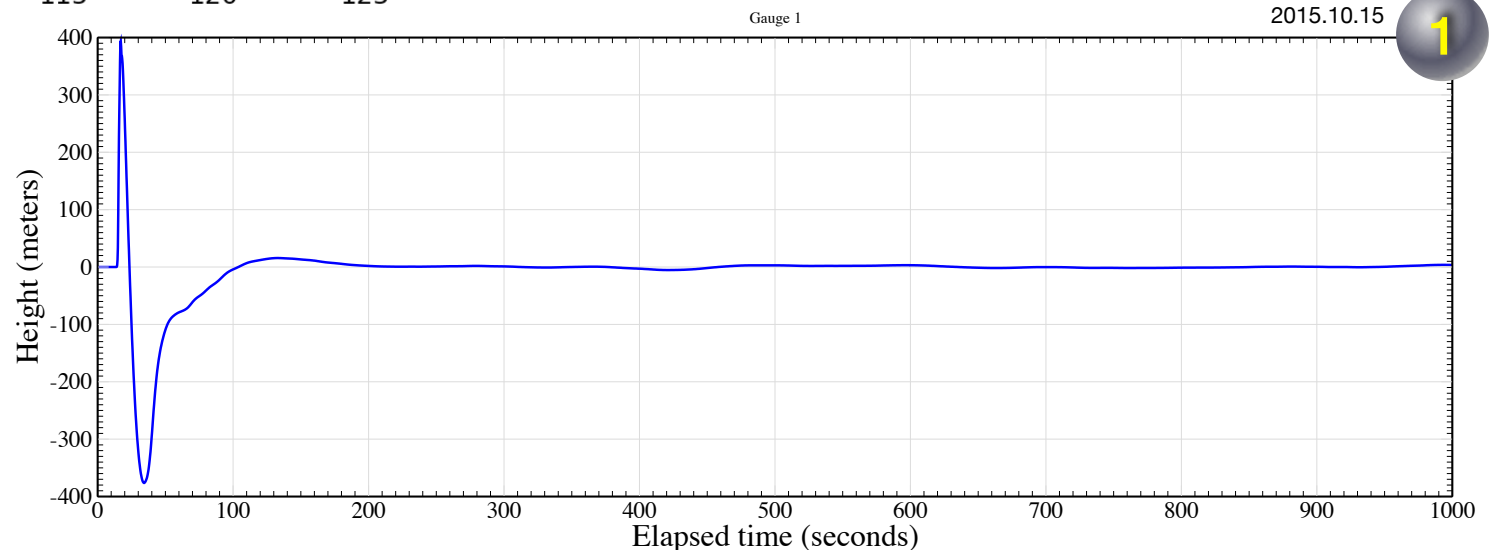
200m, 20km/sec, 20° entry, $\rho = 3300 \text{ kg/m}^3$

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- Over 100k adaptive AMR grid blocks track waves in simulations
- Energy release equiv. to Magnitude ~9.1 earthquake
- Surface overpressures greater than 84 x sea level pressure drives extremely high waves

Near Ground Zero

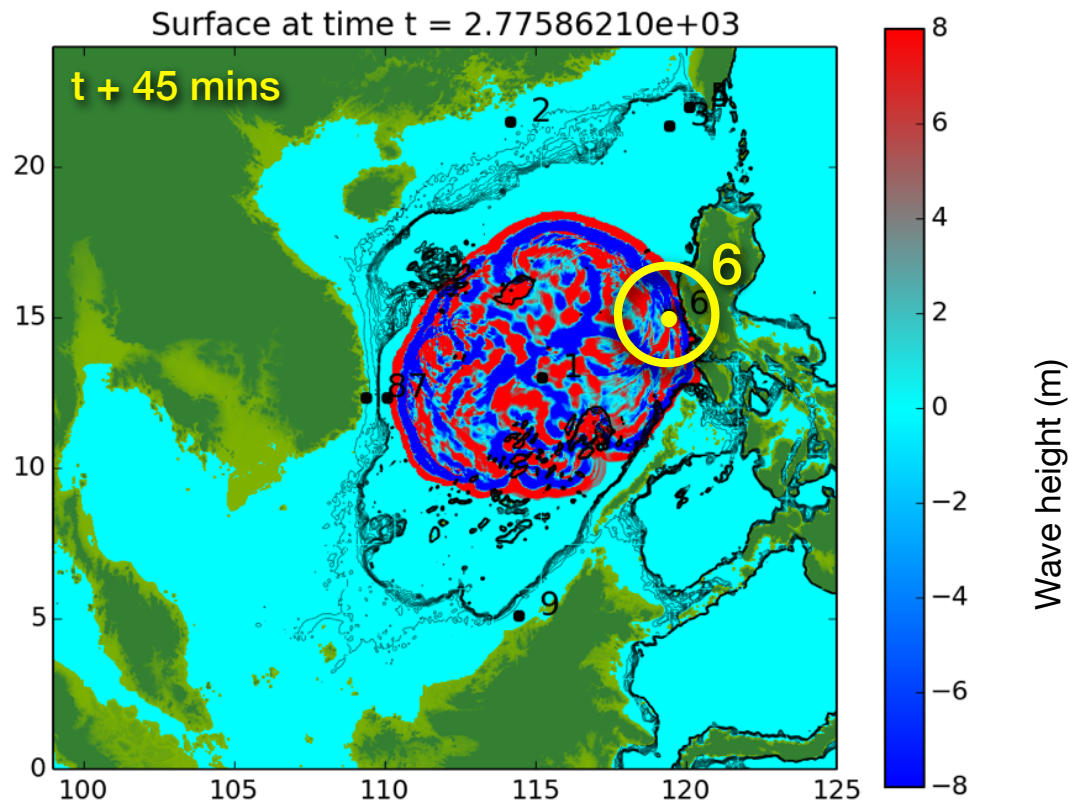


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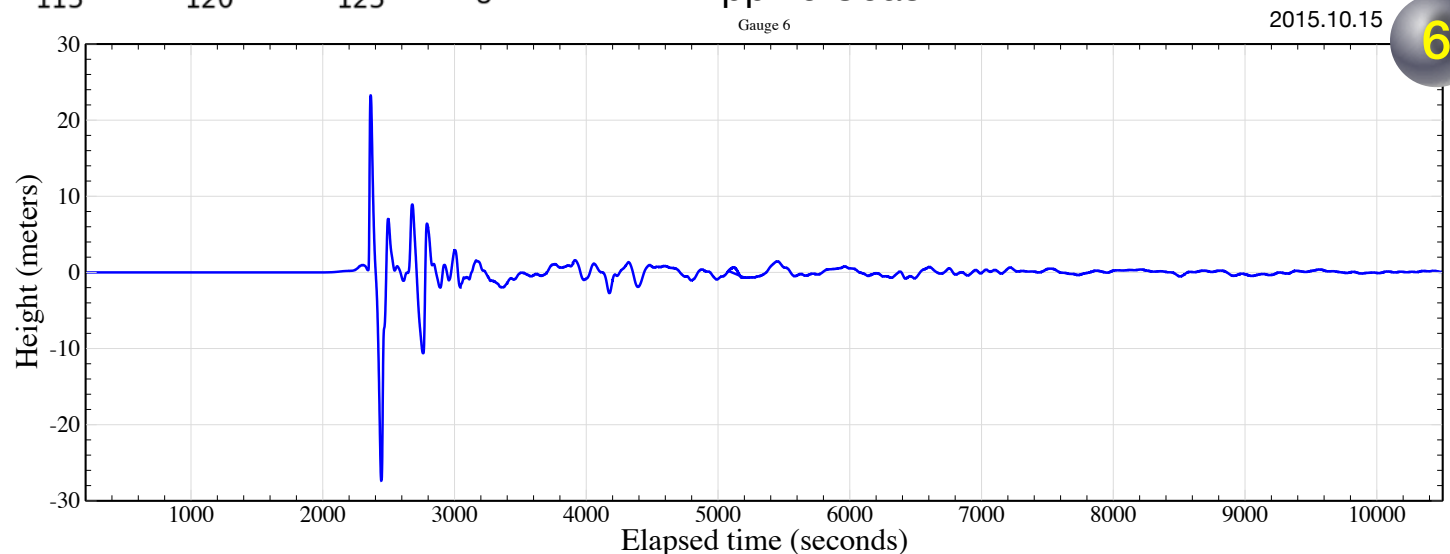
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- Waves arrive at Philippine coast ~40 min after airburst
- Very little protection and short propagation distance lead to largest waves observed at any of the coastal observation locations
- Peak-to-peak ~50m
- For reference, largest waves observed in Japan after 2011 M9.0 quake were up to 40m

Philippine Coast



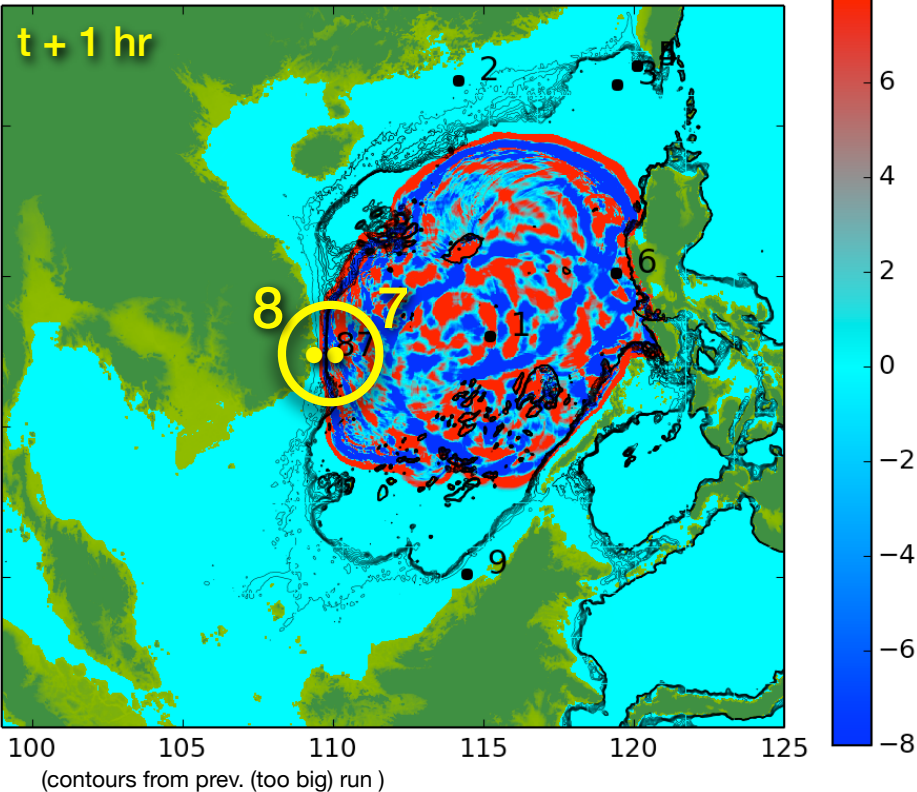
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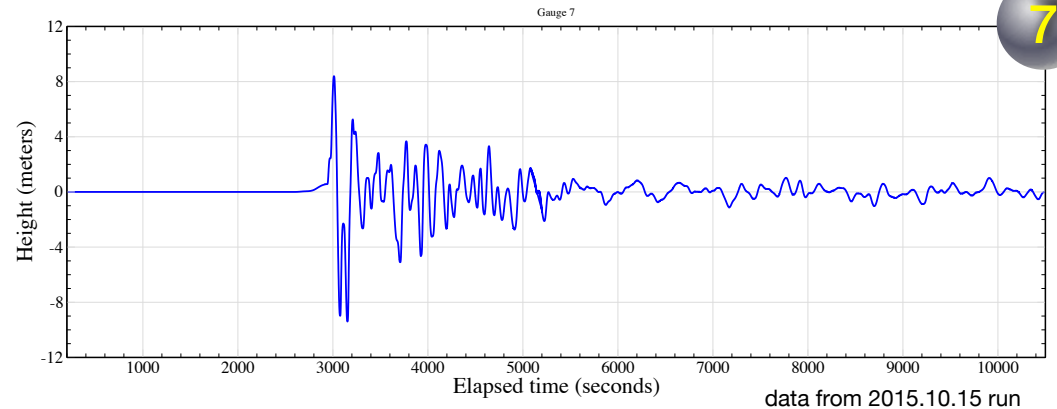
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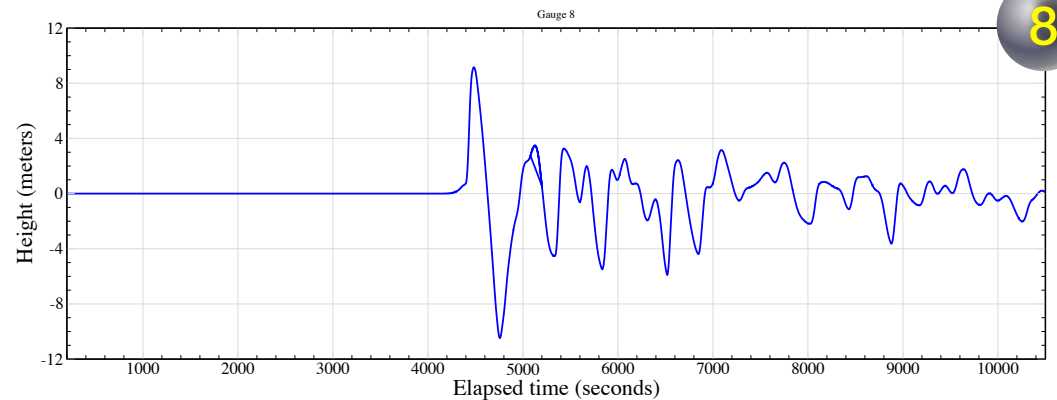
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Vietnamese Coast (deep water)



Vietnamese Coast (small shelf)



- Vietnamese coast strongly impacted, but longer running distance, and rough bottom bathymetry result in wave heights of 16-20m peak-to-peak
- Shoaling slow waves significantly as they approach the coast, observe a slight increase in amplitude



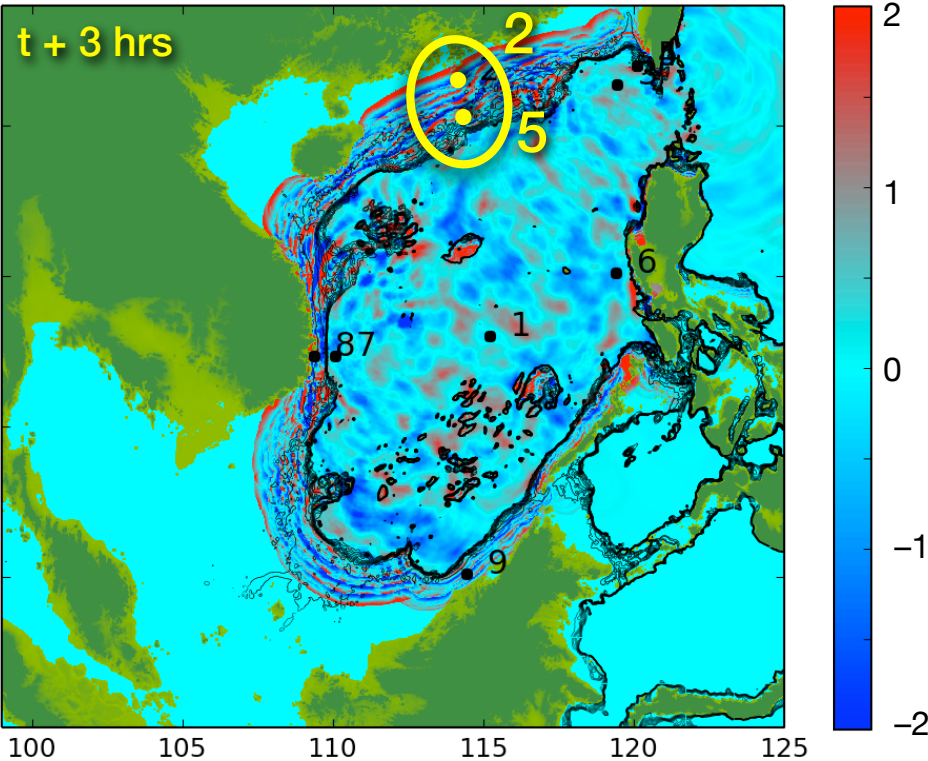
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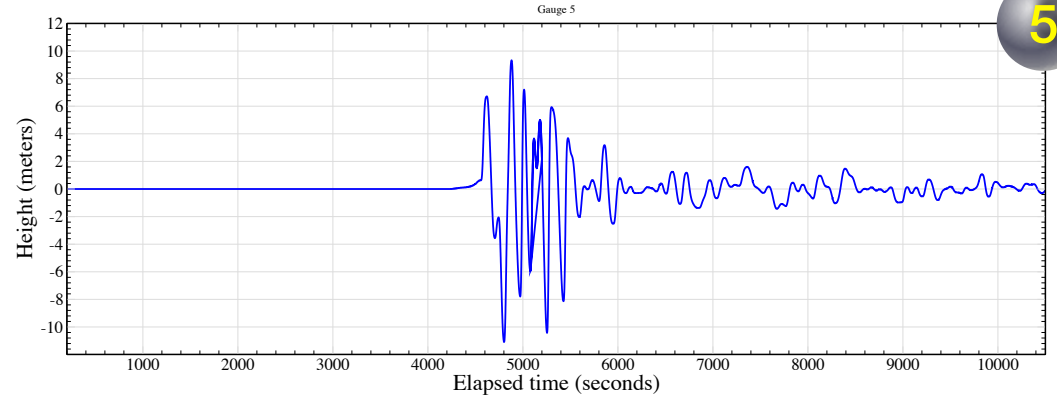
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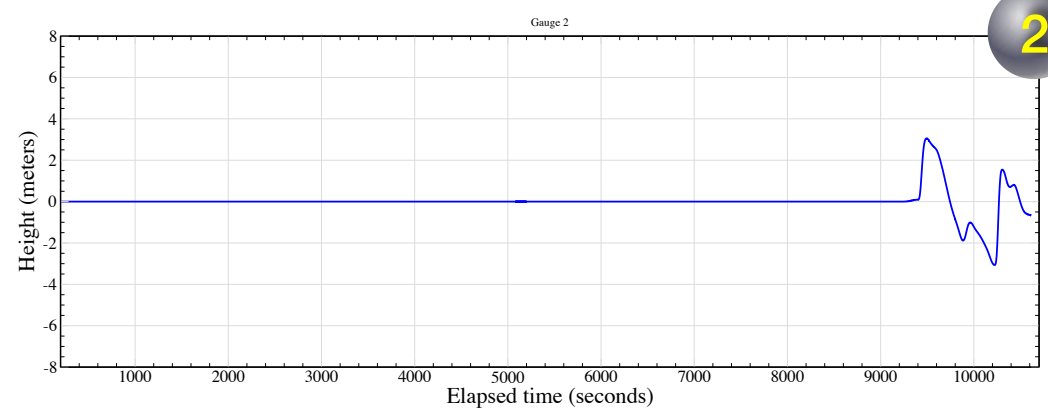
Surface at time $t = 1.08620690\text{e}+04$



Hong Kong (outer shelf)



Hong Kong (inner shelf)



- Outer shelf is similar to Vietnamese coast, but coastline itself is strongly protected by broad shelf
- ~20m offshore waves reduced to ~6m peak-to-peak near Hong Kong harbor
- Very shallow broad shelf slows waves significantly over final hundred



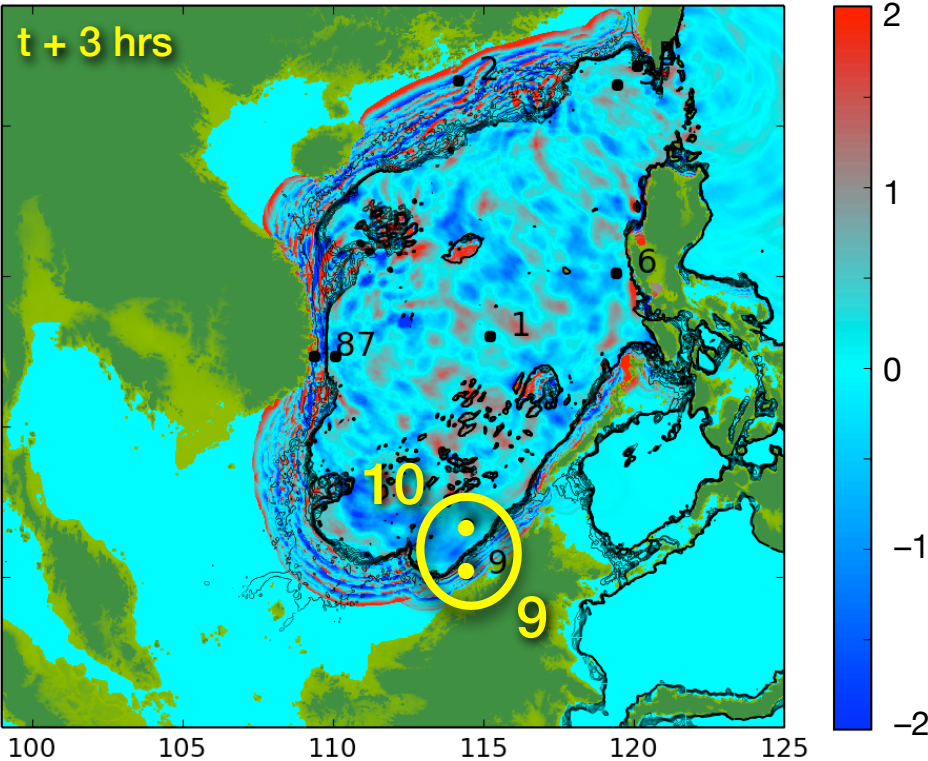
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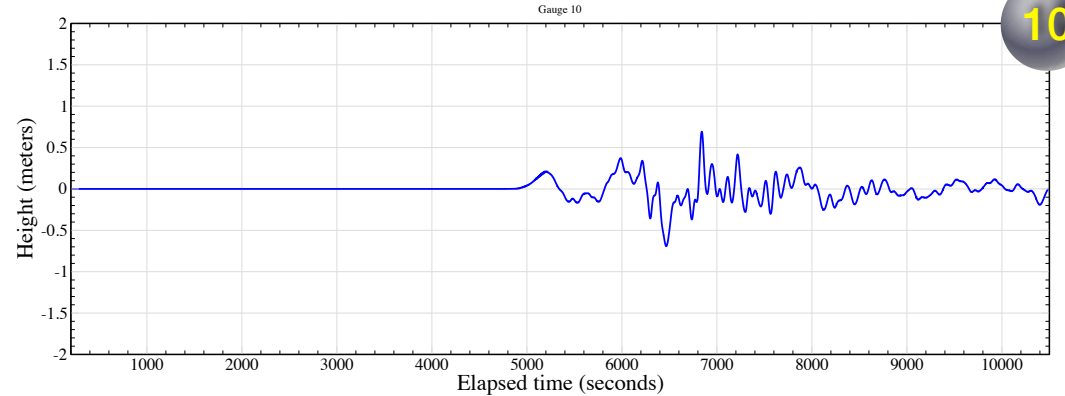
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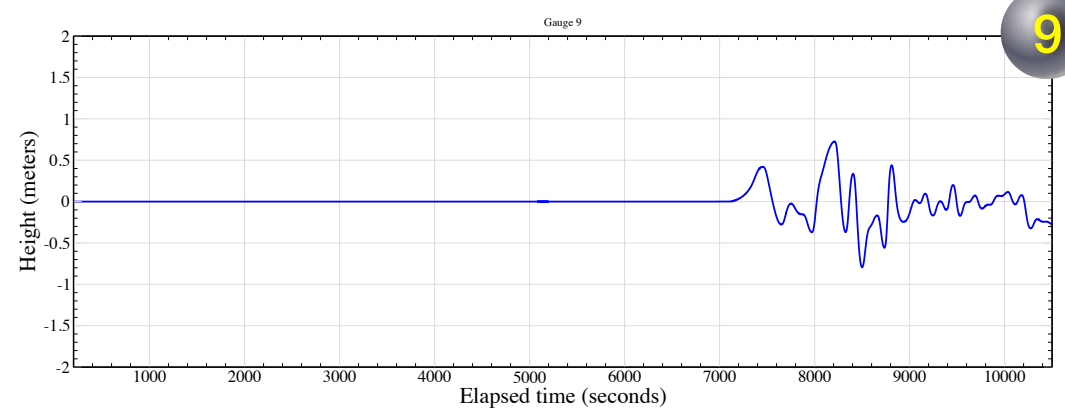
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Brunei (outer shelf)



Brunei (inner shelf)

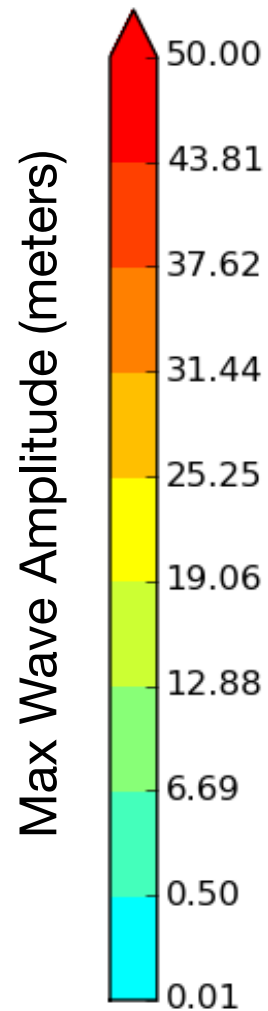


- Rough bathymetry with slow propagation speeds reduce wave heights significantly to the south
- Even with shoaling, observed wave heights have amplitudes of $< 1\text{m}$ as they approach the coast

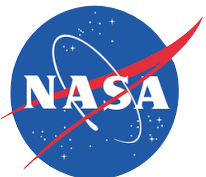
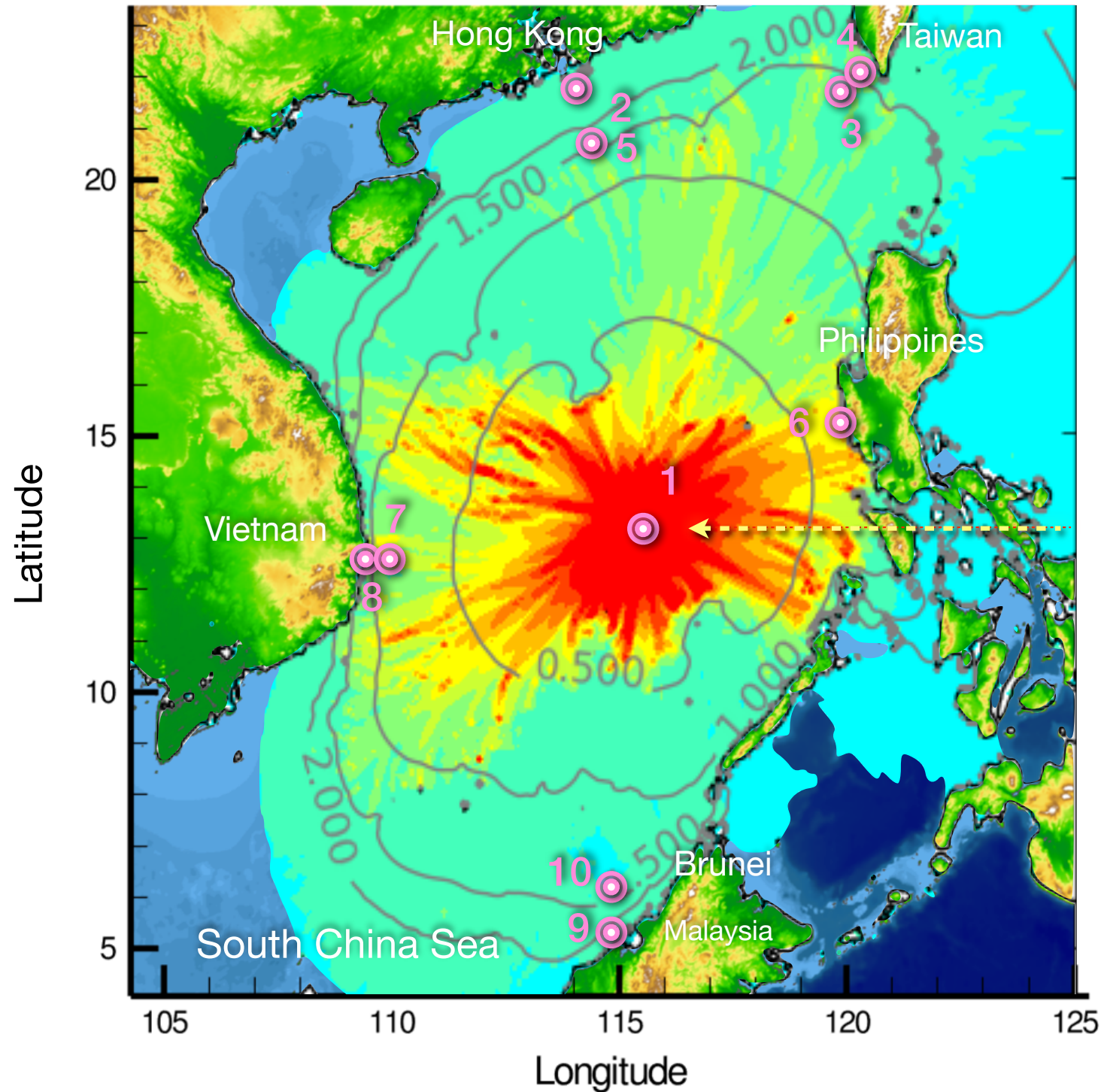


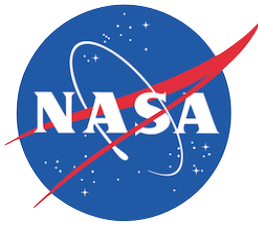
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Wave Amplitude and arrival times

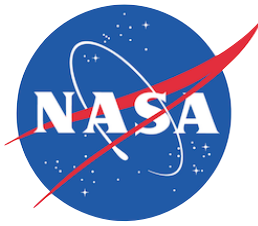




Summary

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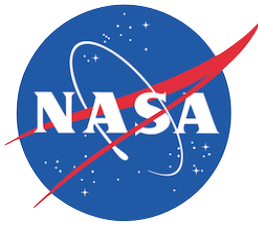
- Outlined modeling for far-field propagation of airburst events
 - Used conservation analysis to develop inputs from energy deposition
 - Uses energy deposition curve, detailed geometry not required
- Showed examples of verification and validation
 - Good prediction of magnitude and shape of Chelyabinsk ground footprint
 - Shock arrival times agree with observations to within seconds
- Preliminary sensitivity investigations (AIAA 2016-0998)
- Showed how we can extract envelopes and time-evolution of ground footprints for use in atmospheric-driven tsunami simulations



Next Steps...

Atmospheric propagation and ground effects modeling

- Parametric studies
 - Vary entry angle, size and strength of asteroid
 - Parametric modification of energy deposition curve
 - Feed to PRA to understand main risk drivers
- Tsunami prediction
 - Examine coupling Cart3D results with GeoClaw
 - 2016 Workshop on Asteroid-Generated Tsunami
- Cratering & splashing
- Terrain and structures



Thank You!



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Questions?

